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INTRODUCTION

As the President's chief message-crafting body, the Presidential Communications Development and Strategic Planning Office (PCDSPO), is mandated to provide strategic communication leadership and support to the Executive Branch, its composite agencies, and instrumentalities of government.

The PCDSPO is also mandated to act as custodian of the institutional memory of the Office of the President. One of our projects is the continuation of the series of books called the Messages of the President, started in 1936 by Jorge B. Vargas, Executive Secretary to President Manuel L. Quezon. The series was a wide collection of executive issuances, speeches, messages, and other official papers of the President. The volumes were intended to serve as the definitive compilation of presidential documents. The series was continued until the Quirino administration, although the series for the Presidential administrations of Presidents Quezon, Roxas, and Quirino were never completed.

In 2010, President Benigno S. Aquino III ordered the revival of the series and the constitution of a complete set, covering all 15 presidential administrations. With pride, we continue what Vargas began.

We would like to extend our gratitude to our partners for without whose gracious cooperation, this project would have not been possible.

A note on organization: Each presidential administration's messages are in book form, compiled and subdivided into volumes. The books are as follows:

Book 1: Emilio Aguinaldo
Book 2: Jose P. Laurel
Book 3: Manuel L. Quezon
Book 4: Sergio Osmeña
Book 5: Manuel Roxas
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Book 7: Ramon Magsaysay
Book 8: Carlos P. Garcia
Book 9: Diosdado Macapagal
Book 10: Ferdinand E. Marcos
Book 11: Corazon C. Aquino
Book 12: Fidel V. Ramos
Book 13: Joseph Ejercito Estrada
Book 14: Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo
Book 15: Benigno S. Aquino III

Each book is subdivided into the following volumes:

Volume 1: Official Weeks/Months in Review
Volume 2: Appointments and Designations
Volume 3: Historical Papers and Documents
Volume 4: Executive Orders
Volume 5: Administrative Orders
Volume 6: Proclamations

Volume 7: Other issuances
Volume 8: Cabinet minutes

We hope that this collection will be a useful and vital reference for generations to come.

PREFACE

On July 30, 2010, President Benigno S. Aquino III issued Executive Order No. 4, which effectively renamed what was previously called the Malacañang Museum into the Presidential Museum and Library (PML) and placed it under the supervision and control of the Presidential Communications Development and Strategic Planning Office (PCDSPO). The PML is responsible for preserving, managing, and promoting the history and heritage of the Philippine presidency. It is the principal historical and artistic repository in support of the institution of the presidency, for the benefit of the Republic and the Filipino people. In partnership with the PCDSPO, which has pioneered the publication of the Official Gazette of the Republic of the Philippines as a web archive and information website, the PML has taken this mandate and placed it on the cutting edge of the information age.

Much has been done over the past years, under the administration of President Aquino III, to digitize executive issuances, speeches, letters, and other presidential papers; and publish them online. The project is not limited to a single administration, nor does it discriminate. This collection, published as databases, as well as print and e-publications, includes documents from the presidency of Emilio Aguinaldo to the current Aquino administration. This represents the government's allegiance to transparency, continuity, and the fostering of an informed citizenry, as well as an effort, in earnest, to preserve the institutional memory of the Presidency. All this was done not just for the posterity, but for the current generation and the ongoing task of nation building.

The PML are proud partners of the Official Gazette and PCDSPO team, to whom we made the collections available. We sincerely hope that this series will serve as a vital reference to educators, students, journalists, lawyers, historians, and the public at large.

FOREWORD

This is the fourth volume of President Corazon C. Aquino's official papers, which constitutes the 11th book of the Messages of the President series. The series was started in 1936 by Executive Secretary Jorge B. Vargas, during the first year in office of Manuel L. Quezon, the first President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines. This volume collects President Aquino's Executive Orders, which provide for rules of a general or permanent character in implementation or execution of constitutional or statutory powers.

BOOK 11
PRESIDENT CORAZON C. AQUINO

President Corazon C. Aquino was the eleventh President of the Philippines and was the second and last President of the Fourth Republic. She was the first female President of the Philippines succeeding the presidency of Ferdinand E. Marcos. Known for leading the People Power Revolution in 1986, which restored democracy in the country, President Corazon C. Aquino assumed office on February 25, 1986, and was President until June 30, 1992.

The Executive Issuances of President Corazon C. Aquino began with Proclamation No. 1, signed on February 25, 1986 and ended with Proclamation No. 932 that was signed on June 29, 1992.

President Corazon C. Aquino's documents were gathered from its official sources such as the Official Gazette of the Philippines; Malacañang Records Office's Book of Executive Issuances; SONA Technical Report; Malacañang Journal; and the Dictatorship and Revolution: Roots of People's Power.

The American Psychological Association (APA) style was used for the citation. The titles that have been provided by the researchers are enclosed in square brackets, considering that the exact wordings and its order were not verbatim from the document being described. Book titles are italicized while the speech titles are not. If in any case that the book title is the same as the title of the speech, it is transcribed in italics because it is the book title.

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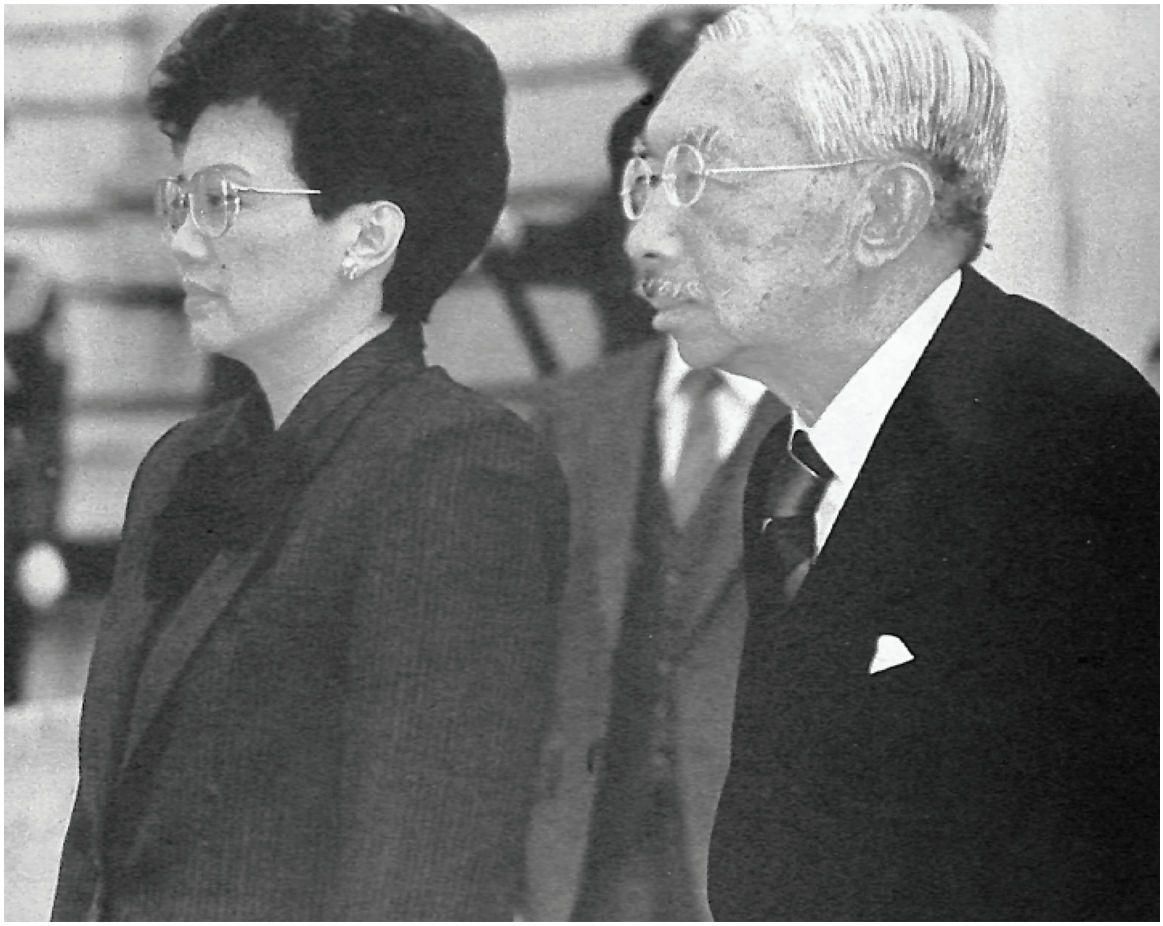

President Corazon C. Aquino with Emperor Hirohito during her State Visit
in Japan, November 10, 1986.

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President Corazon C. Aquino expresses her thanks to a group of Muslim leaders,
led by former Lanao del Sur Governor Ali Dimaporo who called on her
on January 29, 1987 to pledge all-out support for 1986 Constitution.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

An Executive Order provides for rules of a general or permanent character in implementation or execution of constitutional or statutory powers. The Executive Orders of President Corazon C. Aquino began on February 28, 1986 with Executive Order No. 1 and ended on June 26, 1992 with Executive Order No. 522.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 295
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 122-A ENTITLED, "CREATING THE OFFICE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS"

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 122-A created the Office on Muslim Affairs;

WHEREAS, there is need to integrate under one agency all functions related to the administration of the annual pilgrimage to Mecca;

WHEREAS, clear delineation of responsibilities for policy and plan formulation and program implementation is necessary to make them consistent with the decentralization thrust of the government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

Section 1. Section 6 of Executive Order No. 122-A is hereby amended to read as follows:

> "Section 6. Membership. The Office shall be composed of an Executive Director and two (2) Deputy Executive Directors, all of whom shall be appointed by the President. The Executive Director shall have the rank of a Department Undersecretary while the Deputy Executive Directors shall have the rank of an Assistant Secretary."

Section 2. Section 10 of Executive Order No. 122-A is hereby amended to read as follows:

> "Section 10. Services. The Services shall consist of the Administrative Service, Finance and Management Service, Planning Service and Legal Service each of which shall be headed by a Staff Director with the same compensation as that of an Assistant Staff Bureau Director."

Section 3. Section 15 of Executive Order No. 122-A is hereby amended to read as follows:

> "Section 15. Bureaus. The Bureaus of the Office shall consist of the Bureau of Pilgrimage and Endowment, Bureau of Muslim Cooperatives Development, Bureau of Muslim Cultural Affairs, Bureau of Muslim Settlements and Bureau of External Relations. Each of these Bureaus shall be headed by a Director equivalent to a Staff Bureau Director."

Section 4. Sections 16, 17, 18 and 19 of Executive Order No. 122-A are hereby amended as follows:

> "Section 16. Bureau of Pilgrimage and Endowment. The Bureau of Pilgrimage and Endowment shall be primarily responsible for the administration of the annual Muslim Pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia; the formulation

and implementation of programs, projects and activities for the efficient and effective administration and supervision of the conduct of pilgrimage activities, Awqaf (endowment) properties and institutions; and the conduct of researches and studies for the establishment and maintenance of hajj towns, Islamic centers and Awqaf projects.

The Bureau of Pilgrimage and Endowment shall be created out of the Philippine Pilgrimage Authority which is hereby abolished.

All balances of its appropriations, properties, and records shall be transferred to and be made available for use by the Office on Muslim Affairs, and its funding requirements are hereby deemed appropriated and shall be available for expenditure by the Office on Muslim Affairs.

The incumbents of positions of the defunct Philippine Pilgrimage Authority whose positions were not integrated into the new position structure and staffing pattern of the Office on Muslim Affairs and those who are not reappointed shall be deemed separated from the service. Those separated from the service shall receive the appropriate retirement benefits to which they may be entitled under existing laws, rules and regulations. Otherwise, they shall be paid the equivalent of one-month basic salary for every year of service, or the equivalent nearest fraction thereof, computed on the basis of the highest salary received as separation pay, but in no case shall such payment exceed the amount equivalent to twelve months salary."

"Section 17. Bureau of Muslim Cooperatives Development. The Bureau of Muslim Cooperatives Development shall be responsible for staff functions relative to the promotion and development of cooperative endeavors among Muslim Filipinos."

"Section 18. Bureau of Muslim Cultural Affairs. The Bureau of Muslim Settlements shall be responsible for staff functions relative to the promotion and development of Muslim settlement."

"Section 19. Bureau of Muslim Settlements. The Bureau of Muslim Settlements shall be responsible for staff functions relative to the promotion and development of Muslim settlements."

Section 5. Separability. Any portion or provision of this Executive Order that may be declared unconstitutional shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or provisions hereof as long as such remaining portions or provisions can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

Section 6. Repealing Clause. All laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 7. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 25th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOKER P. ARROYO**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1987). *[Executive Order Nos.: 171 - 390]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 296
AUTHORIZING THE SALE, LEASE OR ANY OTHER MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN PHILIPPINE PROPERTIES IN JAPAN TO NON-FILIPINO CITIZENS OR TO ENTITIES OWNED BY NON-FILIPINO CITIZENS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government has acquired four lots in Japan through the Reparations Agreement such lots more specifically identified as:

1. Roppongi property, Tokyo
   306, Roppongi 5-chome
   Minato-ku, Tokyo
2. Nampeidai property, Tokyo
   11-24 Nampeidai-machi
   Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
3. Naniwa-cho property, Kobe
   63 Naniwa-cho
   Chuo-ku, Kobe City
4. Obanoyama-cho property, Kobe
   1-980-2 Obanoyama-cho
   Shinohara, Nada-ku, Kobe;

WHEREAS, Section 2 and Section 12 of Republic Act No. 1789, as amended, require that capital goods and services received by the Philippines under the Reparations Agreement with the Japanese Government shall be made available only to Filipino citizens and entities wholly owned by Filipino citizens;

WHEREAS, the abovementioned properties are located in Japan and it is necessary that their maximum value be realized whether by sale, lease, or any other manner of disposition.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The provisions of Republic Act No. 1789, as amended, and of other laws to the contrary notwithstanding, the abovementioned properties can be made available for sale, lease or any other manner of disposition to non-Filipino citizens or to entities owned by non-Filipino citizens.

SEC. 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 25th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOKER P. ARROYO**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1987). *[Executive Order Nos.: 171 - 390]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 297
REORGANIZATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the reorganization of the government is mandated expressly in Article II, Section 1 (a), and Article III of the Freedom Constitution;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order No. 5 (1986), it is directed that necessary and proper changes in the organizational and functional structures of the government, its agencies and instrumentalities, be effected in order to promote efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of public services;

WHEREAS, there exists a vital need to create awareness and inform the public about the actions of government and the national leadership in its task of rebuilding a strong and dynamic nation;

WHEREAS, the national leadership, which has committed itself to the ideals of press freedom, has seen fit not to abdicate its share of voice in the formulation of public opinion;

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the national leadership to provide true and correct information to the public and to utilize and consolidate as much of its information resources as possible to ensure an effective and efficient information role;

WHEREAS, realizing that the Office of the Press Secretary was precisely created by Memorandum Order No. 32, dated September 1, 1986 and Executive Order No. 92, dated December 17, 1986, to ensure that the government's point of view is communicated to the public especially on issues affecting the nation's welfare, it is necessary that the mandate, powers and functions of this Office be redefined to avoid overlapping and to fix responsibilities therein;

WHEREAS, Article XVIII, Section 16 of the 1987 Constitution recognizes that the reorganization of the government shall be continued even after the ratification of the Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the sovereign will of the Filipino people and the Constitution, do hereby order:

Section 1. Title. This Executive Order shall otherwise be known as the Reorganization Act of the Office of the Press Secretary.

Section 2. Reorganization. The Office of the Press Secretary hereinafter referred to as Office, is hereby reorganized, structurally and functionally, in accordance with the provisions of this Executive Order.

Section 3. Declaration of Policy. The Office of the Press Secretary shall be the primary policy, planning, programming, and coordinating entity for the conduct of a relevant and effective information and communication management program that will present the activities, policies, and directions of the Presidency and the Government.

Section 4. Mandate. The primary functions of the Office shall be the formulation and implementation of an integrated program of information and developmental communication that will present the work of the Presidency, develop public understanding of activities, policies, and enhance public trust and support at the national, regional, barrio, and barangay level.

Section 5. Functions. The Office of the Press Secretary shall perform the following functions:

1. Provide information to the public utilizing all government media services under its control;
2. Coordinate the functions of its absorbed offices for the purpose of providing government with its "share of voice" in the free mass media environment;
3. Administer the functions and support services needed to fulfill its responsibilities;
4. Develop, propose, and implement necessary policy guidelines and mechanisms pertinent to its main functions of speaking on behalf of the government and the national leadership;
5. Rationalize a viable and manageable government-owned information structure that will provide the government and the national leadership with instantaneous access to the people;
6. Develop and manage a feedback mechanism that shall provide the people a venue to contribute to the creation of policies affecting them;
7. Organize and maintain field offices where necessary, domestically and internationally, to ensure that government information reaches the intended target audiences;
8. Maintain and operate such media facilities as is necessary, to strengthen its capabilities for information delivery through print, broadcast, electronic, and other special media vehicles.

Section 6. Structural Organization. The Office, aside from the Office Proper, shall consist of Bureaus.

Section 7. Office Proper. The Office Proper shall consist of the following units:

1. Office of the Press Secretary
2. Offices of the Undersecretaries
3. Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Finance
4. Administrative Service
5. Financial and Management Service
6. Media Research and Development Staff

Section 8. Press Secretary. The authority and responsibility for the exercise of the powers and the discharge of functions of the Office shall be vested in the Press Secretary, who shall have the rank of a Cabinet member, with all the rights and privileges appurtenant thereto, and who shall be appointed by the President.

Section 9. Functions of the Press Secretary. The functions of the Press Secretary shall be as follows:

1. Act as the Presidential Spokesman and attend to the information needs of the President;
2. Provide information regarding the plans, programs, and activities of the President to the public;
3. Maintain liaison and close coordination with government departments and agencies involved in preparing and planning the activities of the President;
4. Prepare and develop communication programs on the policies, activities, and programs of the Presidency;
5. Coordinate with the various media, both local and foreign, in disseminating information regarding the affairs of the Presidency;

6. Assume full responsibility for the accomplishment of the Office's objectives and operations;
7. Establish the policies and standards for the operation of the Office pursuant to the programs of the Government and the President;
8. Promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement Office objectives, policies and functions;
9. Exercise direct supervision and control over all offices and units under the Office;
10. Delegate authority for the performance of any function to officers and employees under his direction; and
11. Perform such other functions as may be provided by law or as may be assigned by the President.

Section 10. Office of the Press Secretary. The Office of the Press Secretary shall be composed of the Secretary and his immediate staff.

Section 11. Undersecretaries. The Press Secretary shall be assisted by two (2) Undersecretaries who shall also be appointed by the President, upon the recommendation of the Secretary, and whose respective functional areas of responsibility shall be determined by the Press Secretary.

Section 12. Functions of the Undersecretaries. The functions of the Undersecretaries shall be as follows:

1. Assist the Press Secretary in the formulation and implementation of Office objectives and policies;
2. Oversee operational activities of the Office for which he shall be responsible to the Press Secretary;
3. Coordinate the programs and projects of the Office, and be responsible for its economical, efficient, and effective administration;
4. Serve as deputy to the Press Secretary in all matters relating to the operations of the Office;
5. Perform such other functions as may be provided by law or as may be directed by the Press Secretary.

Section 13. Reorganized and Merged Agencies. The following agencies in the Office of the Press Secretary are hereby reorganized:

1. The Bureau of Broadcasts and Radyo Ng Bayan are hereby merged into the Bureau of Broadcast Services.
2. The Presidential Press Staff and the sub-offices under it, Philippine News Agency and its national offices, and the International Press Center are hereby merged into the News and Information Bureau.
3. The Bureau of National and Foreign Information is hereby reorganized and renamed as the Bureau of Communications Services.

Section 14. Attached Agencies. The Presidential Broadcast Staff (RTVM), which is hereby created, is hereby attached to the Office of the Press Secretary. The People's Television 4 and its affiliate stations are hereby attached as separate concerns to the Office of the Press Secretary.

Section 15. The Bureau of Broadcast Services. The Bureau of Broadcast Services shall be responsible for providing broadcast information on the activities, policies, and directions of the Government and the Presidency, thru the use of broadcast media throughout the country.

It shall be headed by a Broadcast Network Manager and assisted by an Assistant Broadcast Network Manager, both to be appointed by the President, upon the recommendation of the Press Secretary.

There shall be in the Bureau of Broadcast Services the following divisions: Engineering, Radio News, and Production.

The Bureau of Broadcast Services shall have the following functions:

1. Provide nationwide broadcasting services primarily for the Government's and the Presidency's information and communication requirements;
2. Provide broadcast services to all regions of the country with particular focus on areas not adequately served by private networks;
3. Provide broadcast programming designed to preserve and promote the national heritage and culture, advanced educational goals, and support the thrusts and goals of the Presidency and the government;
4. Continually improve programming and dissemination capabilities geared toward strengthened and innovative program syndication in support of countryside development;
5. Provide auxiliary services to the broadcast requirements of various private broadcast stations, especially in the areas of news and public affairs where the latter require and need such services;
6 Perform such other functions as may be provided by law.

Section 16. The News and Information Bureau. The News and Information Bureau shall be responsible for providing efficient, effective, productive, and economical services relating to the development and formulation of a domestic and foreign information program for the Government, in general, and the Presidency, in particular, including the development of strategies for the dissemination of information on specific government programs.

The News and Information Bureau shall be headed by a Director and assisted by an Assistant Director, both to be appointed by the President, upon the recommendation of the Press Secretary.

Consisting the News and Information Bureau are: Presidential Press Staff, Media Accreditation and Relations Division, and the Philippine News Agency.

The News and Information Bureau shall have the following functions:

1. Formulate, develop, and implement a national information program for the Government and the Presidency, including the strategies in support of specific national development programs;
2. Formulate, develop, and implement an overseas information program, including strategies for the effective dissemination of information about the Philippines, the policies, activities, and programs of the Government and the Presidency;
3. Establish liaison with the representatives of domestic and foreign press, and provide assistance, as is deemed necessary, relevant to the projects, policies, and activities of the Government and the Presidency;

4. Establish and maintain a system of accreditation for local and foreign members of media;
5. Make arrangements for Presidential press and broadcast coverages and conferences;
6. Provide services relative to day-to-day and special information and communication requirements of the Government and the Presidency, including the programming and monitoring of significant projects and activities on media relations and other media-related matters;
7. Provide daily news services to both local and foreign publics on the policies, activities, and programs of the Government and the Presidency, and maintain a wire service operation, for the purpose of effecting coverage of events and developments relevant to the information needs of the Government and the Presidency;
8. Produce and distribute information materials, such as: handbills, folders, pamphlets, posters, and other publications on the directions, policies, programs, and activities of the Government and the Presidency;
9. Perform such other functions as may be provided by law.

Section 17. The Bureau of Communications Services. The Bureau of Communications Services shall be responsible for the development of communication services, and for providing services relating to policy formulation, communication planning, project development, research and evaluation, and the coordination of information planning within the framework of the over-all thrusts and priorities of the national development plan.

Consisting the Bureau of Communications Services are: Planning Division, Special Operations Division and Special Production Division.

The Bureau of Communications Services shall have the following functions:

1. Develop and conduct a public information program that will enhance awareness to and secure positive public acceptance and support of the programs and activities of the Government and the Presidency;
2. Coordinate information dissemination programs and projects including campaigns directed at the bureau's specific target publics;
3. Supervise the over-all conceptualization and production of special publications and audio-visual information/communication materials for the Government and the Presidency;
4. Supervise the conceptualization, production, printing and dissemination of all information/communication materials and publications in support of the activities of the Government and the Presidency;
5. Perform such other functions as may be provided by law.

Section 18. Transitory Measures. The Bureau of Broadcast Services and the Philippine News Agency are authorized to sell their services at rates not less than those offered by comparable private firms, Provided, That income realized shall be deposited with the National Treasury and shall accrue to the General Fund; Provided further, That income realized shall be used to upgrade and update facilities, equipment, and services, and to augment maintenance and other operating expenses for network

operations, upon submission of a special budget for the purpose; Provided finally, That such special budget shall be subject to the approval of the Department of Budget and Management.

In case of merger or consolidation of government units, the new or surviving unit shall exercise the functions (subject to reorganization herein prescribed and the laws, rules and regulations pertinent to the exercise of such functions) and shall acquire the appropriations, funds, records, equipment, facilities, choses in action, rights, other assets, liabilities, if any, and personnel, as may be necessary, of (1) the units that compose the merged unit or (2) the absorbed unit, as the case may be. Such personnel shall, in a hold-over capacity, continue to perform their respective duties and responsibilities and receive the corresponding salaries and benefits; Provided, That any such personnel, whose position is not included in the new position structure and staffing pattern approved and prescribed by the Secretary under Section 19 hereof or who is not reappointed, shall be deemed separated from the service and shall be entitled to the benefits provided under the second paragraph of the same Section 19.

Section 19. Position Structure and Staffing Pattern. Upon approval of this Executive Order, the officers and employees of the Office shall, in a hold-over capacity, continue to perform their respective duties and responsibilities and receive the corresponding salaries and benefits unless in the meantime they are separated from the service.

The new position structure and staffing pattern of the Office shall be approved and prescribed by the Secretary within one hundred twenty (120) days from the approval of this Executive Order and the authorized positions created thereunder shall be filled with regular appointments by him or by the President as the case may be. Those incumbents whose positions are not included therein or who are not reappointed shall be deemed separated from the service. Those separated from the service shall receive retirement benefits to which they may be entitled under existing laws, rules, and regulations. Otherwise, they shall be paid the equivalent of one month basic salary for every year of service in the government, or fraction thereof, computed on the basis of the highest salary received, but in no case shall such payment exceed the equivalent of twelve (12) months salary.

Section 20. Periodic Performance Evaluation. The Office is hereby required to formulate and enforce a system of measuring and evaluating periodically and objectively the performance of the Office and submit the same annually to the President.

Section 21. Prohibition Against Change. No change in the reorganization herein prescribed shall be valid except upon prior approval of the President for the purpose of promoting efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of public services.

Section 22. Funding. Funds needed to carry out the provisions of this Executive Order shall be taken from funds available in the Office, Provided, That no funds shall be allocated for People's Television 4 and its affiliate stations.

Section 23. Implementing Authority of the Secretary. The Secretary shall issue such rules, regulations and other issuances as may be necessary to ensure the effective implementation of the provisions of this Executive Order.

Section 24. Separability. Any portion or provision of this Executive Order that may be declared unconstitutional shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or provisions hereof as long as such remaining portions can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

Section 25. Repealing Clause. All laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, other issuances or parts hereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 26. Effectivity Clause. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 25th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOKER P. ARROYO**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 298
AMENDING SECTIONS 7, 10, 11 AND 13 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 778, AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDERS NOS. 903 AND 909, CREATING THE MANILA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 778, dated March 4, 1982, was issued creating the Manila International Airport Authority, a separate and autonomous body, for the purpose of providing, among others, high standards of accommodation and service comparable with the best airports in the world;

WHEREAS, the amendment introduced by Executive Order No. 903 drastically reduced the capital of the Authority to be contributed by the National Government from ten billion (₱10,000,000,000.00) Pesos to two and one-half billion (₱2,500,000,000.00) Pesos. Considering the substantial increases in the value of the Authority's properties and assets said capitalization is no longer realistic;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 903 mandated that sixty-five percentum (65%) of the annual gross operating income of the Authority shall revert to the General Fund in the National Treasury and to be used for the maintenance and operation of other international and domestic airports in the country;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 903, as amended by Executive Order No. 909, increased the number of members of the Board of Directors to nine;

WHEREAS, there is a need to modify the present composition of the MIA-Authority Board of Directors to afford the MIA-Authority better coordination;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the services of the Solicitor General and/or the Government Corporate Counsel to assist the Authority's existing Legal Department in handling cases in order to meet the present exigencies;

WHEREAS, in view of the multifarious requirements, functions and responsibilies of the Authority, there is a need to amend Sections 7, 10, 11 and 13 in order to ensure the viability and flexibility of the Authority in running and operating its affairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution of the Philippines, do hereby order and decree the following:

SECTION 1. Section 7 of Executive Order No. 909, dated September 16, 1983, is hereby amended to read as follows:

> "Section 7. Board of Directors. - The corporate powers of the Authority shall be exercised by and vested in a Board of nine (9) members composed of the following: Representative from the Department of Transportation and Communications as Chairman, the General Manager of the Manila International Airport Authority as Vice-Chairman, representative from the Office of the President, representative from the Department of Finance or Bureau of Customs, representative from the Department of Tourism, representative from the Department of Justice or Commission on Immigration and Deportation,

representative from the Office of Assistant Secretary of Air Transportation, and two (2) representatives coming from the private sector to be appointed by the President of the Philippines.

The Board shall meet regularly once a month and as often as the exigencies of the service demand. The presence of at least five (5) members shall constitute a quorum, and the vote of a majority of the members present, there being a quorum shall be necessary for the adoption of any rule, regulation, resolution, decision or any other act of the Board.

The members of the Board shall receive per diems, as the Board may approve, for each Board meeting actually attended by them: Provided, That such per diem shall not exceed One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00) during any one (1) month for each member."

Section 2. Section 10 of Executive Order No. 903 dated July 21, 1983 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 10. Capital. - The capital of the Authority to be contributed by the National Government shall be increased from Two and One-half Billion (₱2,500,000,000.00) Pesos to Ten Billion (₱10,000,000,000.00) Pesos to consist of:

(a) The value of fixed assets (including airport facilities, runways and equipment) and such other properties, movable and immovable which may be contributed by the National Government or transferred by it from any of its agencies, the valuation of which shall be determined jointly with the Department of Budget and Management and the Commission on Audit on the date of such contribution or transfer after making due allowances for depreciation and other deductions taking into account the loans and other liabilities of the Authority at the time of the takeover of the Assets and other properties;

(b) That the amount of P605 million as of December 31, 1986 representing about seventy percentum (70%) of the unremitted share of the National Government from 1983 to 1986 to be remitted to the National Treasury as provided for in Section 11 of E. O. 903 as amended, shall be converted into the equity of the National Government in the Authority.

Thereafter, the Government contribution to the capital of the Authority shall be provided in the General Appropriations Act.

Section 3. Section 11 of Executive Order No. 903 dated July 21, 1983 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 11. Contribution to the General Fund for the Maintenance and Operation of other Airports.

Within thirty (30) days after the close of each quarter, twenty percentum (20%) of the gross operating income, excluding payments for utilities of tenants and concessionaires and terminal fee collections, shall be remitted to the General Fund in the National Treasury to be used for the maintenance and operation of other international and domestic airports in the country. Adjustments in the

amount paid by the Authority to the National Treasury under this Section shall be made at the end of each year based on the audited financial statements of the Authority.

Section 4. Section 13 of Executive Order No. 903 dated July 21, 1983 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 13. Legal Counsel. - The Government Corporate Counsel and/or the Solicitor General shall be the counsel of the Authority.

Section 5. All laws, executive orders, letters of instructions, rules and regulations, or provisions thereof, except those which are provided for in PD 1957, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 6. This Executive Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 26th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOKER P. ARROYO**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 299
MODIFYING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 878 DATED MARCH 4, 1983

I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

Section 1. Section 1 of Executive Order No. 878 is hereby amended to read as follows:

> "Section 1. The Office of the Government Corporate Counsel shall be headed by the Government Corporate Counsel whose rank, emoluments and privileges shall be the same as those of the Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeals. He shall be assisted by a Deputy Government Corporate Counsel whose rank, emoluments and privileges shall be the same as those of an Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals, and ten (10) Assistant Government Corporate Counsels whose rank, emoluments and privileges shall be the same as those of Regional Trial Judge of the Regional Trial Courts.
>
> The Government Corporate Counsel, Deputy Government Corporate Counsel, and Assistant Government Corporate Counsels must be officers learned in law, of recognized competence, with experience in the practice of law for at least ten (10) years, and at least thirty-five (35) years of age.
>
> The incumbent Government Corporate Counsel, Deputy Government Counsel, and Assistant Government Corporate Counsels shall be entitled to the rights, emoluments and privileges vested upon them as of the time of their appointments, without need of new appointments."

Section 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 26th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

(SGD.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(SGD.) **JOKER P. ARROYO**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 300
CONSTITUTING THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL AS AN INDEPENDENT AND AUTONOMOUS OFFICE ATTACHED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the office of the Solicitor General performs functions vital not only to Government, but more so to national interest;

WHEREAS, there is compelling need to adequately and suitably equip the Office of the Solicitor General;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Office of the Solicitor General shall be an independent and autonomous office attached to the Department of Justice. It shall continue to perform its functions as are provided by law.

SEC. 2. The Office of the Solicitor General shall be headed by the Solicitor General, who is the principal law officer and legal defender of the Government. He shall have the authority and responsibility for the exercise of the Office's mandate and for the discharge of its duties and functions, and shall have supervision and control over the Office of its constituent units. The Solicitor General, who shall be appointed by the President, shall have the same qualifications for appointment, rank, prerogatives, and privileges as those of the Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeals.

The Solicitor General shall be assisted by a Legal Staff composed of fifteen (15) Assistant Solicitors General, and such number of Solicitors and Trial Attorneys as may be necessary to operate the Office, which shall be divided into fifteen (15) divisions: Provided, That the Solicitor General may assign or transfer the Assistant Solicitors General, Solicitor and/or Trial Attorneys to any of the divisions.

The Assistant Solicitor General and the Solicitors shall be appointed by the President upon recommendation of the Solicitor General. The Trial Attorneys and administrative personnel in the Office of the Solicitor General shall be appointed by the Solicitor General.

In case of absence or temporary incapacity of the Solicitor General, the President shall designate an Acting Solicitor General. In case of death, permanent incapacity, removal or resignation of the Solicitor General, or vacancy thereof, the President shall designate an Acting Solicitor General, who shall act as such until a new Solicitor General is appointed, or appoint a new Solicitor General.

Section 3. The existing incumbents shall continue to remain in office, without need of new appointments.

Section 4. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this Executive Order shall be taken from the appropriations of the Office of the Solicitor General in the current General Appropriations Act.

Section 5. All laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 6. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 26th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOKER P. ARROYO**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 301
DECENTRALIZING ACTIONS ON GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATED CONTRACTS, LEASE CONTRACTS AND RECORDS DISPOSAL

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the government to promote economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of public services;

WHEREAS, under the present set-up, a centralized administrative system is provided for reviewing and approving negotiated contracts under Executive Order No. 298 (issued August 12, 1940), as amended; for determining the reasonableness of government lease contracts under Executive Order 290 (issued March 14, 1958), as amended; and for the disposal of government records under Executive Order No. 290, supra;

WHEREAS, such centralized administrative system is not at all "facilitative" particularly in emergency situations, characterized as it is by red tape and too much delay in the processing and final approval of the required transaction or activity; and

WHEREAS, for expeditious action, there is need to decentralize the processing and final approval of negotiated contracts, lease contracts and records disposal to the agencies concerned, subject to compliance with prescribed uniform standards or guidelines and to the review and audit jurisdiction of the Commission on Audit (COA) or its duly authorized representative;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

A. DECENTRALIZATION OF NEGOTIATED CONTRACTS

Section 1. Guidelines for Negotiated Contracts. Any provision of law, decree, executive order or other issuances to the contrary notwithstanding, no contract for public services or for furnishing supplies, materials and equipment to the government or any of its branches, agencies or instrumentalities shall be renewed or entered into without public bidding, except under any of the following situations:

a. Whenever the supplies are urgently needed to meet an emergency which may involve the loss of, or danger to, life and/or property;
b. Whenever the supplies are to be used in connection with a project or activity which cannot be delayed without causing detriment to the public service;
c. Whenever the materials are sold by an exclusive distributor or manufacturer who does not have subdealers selling at lower prices and for which no suitable substitute can be obtained elsewhere at more advantageous terms to the government;
d. Whenever the supplies under procurement have been unsuccessfully placed on bid for at least two consecutive times, either due to lack of bidders or the offers received in each instance were exorbitant or non-conforming to specifications;

e. In cases where it is apparent that the requisition of the needed supplies through negotiated purchase is most advantageous to the government to be determined by the Department Head concerned; and
f. Whenever the purchase is made from an agency of the government.

SEC 2. Jurisdiction over Negotiated Contracts. - In line with the principles of decentralization and accountability, negotiated contracts for public services or for furnishing supplies, materials or equipment may be entered into by the department or agency head or the governing board of the government-owned or controlled corporation concerned, without need of prior approval by higher authorities, subject to availability of funds, compliance with the standards or guidelines prescribed in SEC 1 hereof, and to the audit jurisdiction of the Commission on Audit in accordance with existing rules and regulations.

Negotiated contracts involving ₱2,000,000 up to ₱10,000,000 shall be signed by the Secretary and two other Undersecretaries.

SEC 3. Abolition of the Presidential Committee on Negotiated Contracts. - The Presidential Committee on Negotiated Contracts created under Executive Order No. 298 dated August 12, 1940 as amended, is hereby abolished: Provided, however, That all negotiated contracts pending with the abolished Presidential Commission on Negotiated Contracts shall be processed in accordance with existing procedures and shall be signed by the Secretary of General Services.

SEC 4. Presidential Approval. - Provisions of existing laws requiring approval by the President of contracts of national government offices, agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned or controlled corporations, awarded through public bidding or by negotiation, shall continue to be in force and effect.

Section 5. Coverage. With particular reference to negotiated contracts, this Executive Order covers only contracts for public services or for furnishing of supplies, materials or equipment to the government under Executive Order No. 298, as amended, and does not apply to, among others, infrastructure or public works contracts and to government contracts for which ceilings for approval by the Department Heads concerned have been prescribed under Executive Order No. 164 dated May 5, 1987.

B. DECENTRALIZATION OF LEASE CONTRACTS

Section 6. Guidelines for Lease Contracts Any provisions of law, decree, executive order or other issuances to the contrary notwithstanding, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), with respect to the leasing of privately-owned buildings or spaces for government use or of government-owned buildings or space for private use, shall formulate uniform standards or guidelines for determining the reasonableness of the terms of lease contracts and of the rental rates involved.

Section 7. Jurisdiction Over Lease Contracts. The heads of agency intending to rent privately-owned buildings or spaces for their use, or to lease out government-owned buildings or spaces for private use, shall have authority to determine the reasonableness of the terms of the lease and the rental rates thereof, and to enter into such lease contracts without need of prior approval by higher authorities, subject to compliance with the uniform standards or guidelines established pursuant to SEC 6 hereof by the DPWH and to the audit jurisdiction of COA or its duly authorized representative in accordance with existing rules and regulations.

Section 8. Periodic Reports. The abovementioned heads of agency, with respect to the buildings or space rented by them or leased by them to private parties, shall be considered respectively as the administrators of said properties and shall prepare and submit such periodic reports on the status of the lease and occupancy thereof to, and as may be required by, the DPWH.

C. DECENTRALIZATION OF RECORDS DISPOSAL

Section 9. Guidelines for Records Disposal. Any provision of law, decree, executive order or other issuances to the contrary notwithstanding, the Records Management and Archives Office of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports shall prescribe uniform standards or guidelines to be followed by government agencies in the disposal or destruction of their valueless or unnecessary records.

Section 10. Jurisdiction Over Records Disposal. The government agencies concerned, through their respective record units or their equivalent, shall have authority to dispose of their valueless records subject to the audit jurisdiction of the Commission on Audit or its duly authorized representative, in accordance with existing rules and regulations, and subject further to compliance with the uniform standards or guidelines on records disposal prescribed by the Records Management and Archives Office.

Section 11. Reporting Requirement. For every records disposal undertaken by an agency, a report thereon shall be prepared and submitted to the Records Management and Archives Office, describing briefly the records disposed of and the manner of their disposition.

D. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 12. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, executive orders and other issuances or part thereof, which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 13. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED in the City of Manila, this 26th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOKER P. ARROYO**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 302
AMENDING P.D. 848, CONVERTING THE KALINGA SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT REGION INTO THE KALINGA SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 220, Series of 1987, creating the Cordillera Administrative Region, has been promulgated to accelerate the socio-economic development in the Cordilleras;

WHEREAS, certain municipalities in the province of Kalinga-Apayao need immediate government assistance in order to hasten the development of said areas; and

WHEREAS, in order to formulate and implement a relevant program of the government in Kalinga-Apayao, it is necessary to identify and group together municipalities and barangays in the said province having similar or related problems;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the sovereign will of the Filipino people and the Constitution, do hereby order:

Section 1. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the government to foster and accelerate socio-economic growth and development of the said area for purposes of improving the quality of lives of their inhabitants.

Section 2. Creation and Composition of the Authority. The following municipalities in the province of Kalinga-Apayao, namely:

a. Tinglayan;
b. Tanudan;
c. Lubuagan;
d. Pasil;
e. Balbalan
f. Pinukpok
g. Tabuk; and
h. Rizal;

are hereby constituted into a special development area to be known as Kalinga Special Development Authority (KSDA), hereinafter referred to as Authority which is hereby transferred to the appropriate unit within the Cordillera Administrative Region and which shall be under the supervision of the President of the Philippines.

Section 3. Principal Office. The principal office of the Authority shall be decided by the KSDA Governing Council.

Section 4. Purposes and Objectives. The Authority shall have the following purposes and objectives:

a) To hasten the growth and development of the said area;
b) To enable its inhabitants to participate more actively in the national development effort; and
c) To coordinate with other government agencies, departments, instrumentalities and integrate into a long term comprehensive development program the various sectoral plans and activities intended for the area.

Section 5. Duties and Functions of the Authority. The Authority shall have the following duties and functions:

a) To formulate and implement such programs and projects which may be necessary to achieve the purposes and objectives of this Order;
b) To engage the assistance of any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the government as it may require in the performance of its functions;
c) To coordinate with any department, bureau, office or instrumentality of the Government that may be implementing various developmental programs in the area; and
d) To perform such other duties as may be assigned to it by the President of the Philippines.

Section 6. Governing Council. All functions and powers of the Authority shall be vested in, and exercised by a Governing Council composed of the following:

a) The incumbent mayors of the municipalities concerned as ex-officio members;
b) One tribal representative coming from each of the said municipalities; and
c) The Administrator of the Authority who shall be the Chairman of the Council.

All the members of the Council shall be residents of the area they represent.

The Governing Council shall have four (4) regular monthly meetings and shall have special meetings as often as necessary. The members of the Governing Council except the Administrator, shall each be entitled to a per diem of P500.00 per meeting and shall be reimbursed for all the necessary expenses in attending the said meetings: Provided, however, That no member shall be able to collect an amount more than two thousand pesos (P2,000.00), as per diem, for a period of one month.

All regular members of the Council shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines, provided, however, that the tribal representatives shall preferably come from the nominees of the CBA. They shall hold office for a term of four (4) years unless sooner removed for cause.

A majority of the Council shall constitute a quorum to do business and a simple majority of the quorum is sufficient to pass a resolution, except in specific instances where the law requires a greater number as a prerequisite to make the resolution valid and binding.

No member of the Governing Council shall directly or indirectly be interested financially in any contracts of the KSDA-funded projects during their term.

Section 7. Administrator. The President, upon the nomination of the Governing Council shall appoint a Kalinga as Administrator who shall act as the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority. The Administrator shall serve full time for a term of four (4) years unless sooner removed for cause and shall receive a compensation of ninety-six thousand pesos per annum.

No person may be appointed Administrator unless he is a resident of any of the municipalities covered by the Authority for at least 4 years immediately preceding such appointment.

The Administrator shall not, during his tenure, practice any profession, participate in any business or be financially interested in any contract with the Government or any subdivision, agency or instrumentality thereof, including government-owned or controlled corporations or their subsidiaries. He shall strictly avoid conflict of interest in the conduct of his office.

Section 8. Powers of the Governing Council. The council shall have the following powers:

a) To promulgate, prescribe and adopt policies and procedures in the administration of the Authority;

b) To formulate, develop, adopt and implement socio-economic programs to achieve the objective of this Order;
c) To review and evaluate project proposals submitted by the Administrator for development of the Authority;
d) To approve the annual and/or supplemental budgets of the Authority as may be submitted to it by the Administrator;
e) To evaluate, monitor and supervise the progress of all programs of the Authority;
f) To approve all contracts entered into by the Authority; and
g) To approve the organization, plantilla and plans submitted by the Administrator for the operation and management of the Authority subject to existing laws.

Section 9. Powers and Functions of the Administrator. The Administrator shall have the following functions:

a) Execute the policies of the Governing Council;
b) Direct and supervise the day-to-day operations and internal administration of the Authority. He may, however, delegate certain administrative responsibilities to other officers of the Authority subject to the approval of the Governing Council;
c) Prepare periodic reports of programs;
d) Submit annual and/or supplemental budget estimates to the Governing Council;
e) Recommend policies and programs to the Council; and
f) Perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Council from time to time.

Section 10. Chief Legal Counsel. The Authority shall have a Chief Legal Counsel, to be appointed by the Administrator, whose salary and other privileges shall be fixed by the Council. The position of the Chief Legal Counsel is considered highly technical and confidential. The Chief Legal Counsel of the Authority shall have the following functions:

a) Act as the Secretary of the Council and as such shall be the official custodian of all the minutes, records and proceedings of all Council meetings, and the official seal of the Authority;
b) Prepare, in consultation with the Administrator, the agenda of the Council for its regular and special meetings;
c) Provide legal advice to the Authority, the Council, the Administrator and all the other divisions of the Authority and shall render legal opinion whenever the same is required;
d) Represent the Authority in all legal cases; and
e) Exercise such other functions assigned to him by the Council.

The Chief Legal Counsel shall have an assistant legal counsel and such staff as the Council may determine.

Section 11. Staff Support. The Authority shall have such personnel as may be necessary for the performance of its basic functions. All positions, shall be subject to civil service rules and regulations except for professional staff whose positions are considered highly technical, policy-determining and primarily confidential. All personnel shall be entitled to the benefits and privileges normally accorded to government employees, such as retirement, GSIS insurance, leave and similar matters: Provided, finally,

that the Governing Council shall be the final authority on appeals on personnel matters concerning its professional and technical personnel.

Section 12. Donations. The Authority shall be authorized to receive grants, donations or gifts, in whatever form and whatever sources: Provided, that said grants, gifts, or donations shall be administered, obligated and disbursed in accordance with the terms thereof, or in the absence of such terms, in such manner as a majority of the Governing Council may in its discretion determine: Provided, finally, that said grants, gifts, donations shall be subject only to such limitations as the grantor, giver or donor may impose as accepted by the Governing Council.

Said grants, gifts, or donations shall be tax-exempt.

Section 13. Separability Clause. Any portion or provision of this Executive Order which may be declared unconstitutional shall not have the effect of nullifying the other provisions thereof, provided, however, that such remaining portions can still stand and be given effect in their entirety to accomplish the objectives of this Order.

Section 14. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, orders, proclamations or rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

Section 15. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect sixty (60) days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 26th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOKER P. ARROYO**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1987). *[Executive Order Nos.: 171 - 390]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 303
REDUCING THE RATE OF IMPORT DUTY ON CRUDE OIL AS PROVIDED UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, the increase in the price of fuel oil and related products may trigger an increase in the cost of other basic commodities to the detriment of the consuming public;

WHEREAS, the import duty on crude oil, a basic raw material of gasoline and other derivative products, has an impact on the prices of such commodities; and

WHEREAS, to stabilize the prices of these basic commodities and keep them within the reach of the consuming public, there is a need to reduce the import duty on crude oil.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 401 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The rate of import duty on crude oil falling under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code, as amended, is hereby reduced from 20% to 15% ad valorem, as follows:

T. H. No.	Description of Article	Rate of Duty
27.09	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude:	(Ad Valorem)
100	x x x	
900	Other	15%

SECTION 2. Upon the effectivity of this Executive Order, the above article which is entered or withdrawn from warehouses in the Philippines for consumption shall be subject to the rate of duty herein prescribed.

SECTION 3. All orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. This Executive Order shall take effect thirty (30) days after date hereof.

Done in the City of Manila this 25th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOKER P. ARROYO**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 304
AUTHORIZING THE TASK FORCE ON REFUGEE ASSISTANCE AND ADMINISTRATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO RESPECTIVELY ISSUE IDENTITY PAPERS AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS TO REFUGEES STAYING IN THE PHILIPPINES AND PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES THEREFOR.

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Philippines is a signatory to the 1951 Convention (and the 1967 Protocol) Relating to the Status of Refugees;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Articles 27 and 28 of the 1951 Convention, the Philippines undertakes to issue identity papers to any refugee in the Philippines who does not possess a valid travel document, and to issue travel document to refugees lawfully staying in the Philippines to enable them to travel outside Philippine territory, unless compelling reasons of national security or public order otherwise require; and

WHEREAS, under Article 35 (1) of the 1951 Convention, the Philippines undertakes to cooperate with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, or any other agency of the United Nations which may succeed it, in the exercise of its functions, and shall in particular facilitate its duty of supervising the application of the provisions of the said Convention;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, and in order to effect the needed assistance to refugees reaching the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. For the purpose of implementing Article 27 of the 1951 Convention on the Status of Refugees, the Task Force on Refugee Assistance and Administration (TFRAA) created under Executive Order No. 554 dated August 21, 1974 is hereby authorized and directed to issue identity papers to any refugee staying in the Philippines who does not possess a valid travel document. For this purpose, the TFRAA is hereby authorized to conduct such investigations as may be necessary and practicable to the end that only lawfully staying refugees are issued identity papers, and that the information stated in such documents are authentic.

SEC. 2. In effecting Article 28 of the above-mentioned Convention, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) is hereby authorized to issue to refugees lawfully staying in the Philippines travel documents to enable them to travel outside Philippine territory, subject to the guidelines hereinbelow prescribed.

SEC. 3. No travel document/s shall be issued to a refugee without the favorable recommendation of the TFRAA, and such other documents as may be reasonably required by the DFA. Upon information obtained by the DFA, it may deny issuance of travel documents to any refugee when compelling reasons of national security or public order so require. In issuing travel documents, the DFA shall in particular give sympathetic consideration to refugees who are unable to obtain travel documents from the country of their lawful residence. SEC. 4. The travel document/s to be issued pursuant to this Order shall be similar to the specimen annexed to the 1951 Convention on Refugees. They shall also be subject to the provisions of the "Schedule" attached to the text of the 1951 Convention.

SEC. 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 31st day of August, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty Seven.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOKER P. ARROYO**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 305
CREATING THE COUNCIL OF STATE

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the President of the Philippines receive reliable information and competent advice on pressing issues and problems of national interest;

WHEREAS, it is desirable that such information and advice be obtained from all sectors of society;

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a consultative body be created for the purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a Council of State to be composed of the President of the Philippines as Chairman and the following as members:

1. The Vice-President
2. The President of the Senate
3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives
4. The Executive Secretary
5. The Secretary of National Defense
6. The Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines
7. Members of Congress, the Cabinet and the private sector who, in the opinion of the President, are knowledgeable about the issues and problems to be discussed by the Council.

The Cabinet Secretariat shall serve as the Secretariat of the Council.

Executive Order No. 349 dated November 16, 1971, which created the Council of Leaders, is hereby repealed.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 9th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOKER P. ARROYO**
Executive Secretary

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 306
REDUCING THE RATE OF IMPORT DUTY ON CRUDE OIL AS PROVIDED UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, there is need to keep the prices of electricity and other basic commodities within the reach of the consuming public and to sustain the economic recovery efforts;

WHEREAS, the import duty on crude oil, a basic raw material of fuel oil and related products, has an impact on the prices of such commodities;

WHEREAS, further reduction in the rate of the customs duty on crude oil is consistent with government policy to subject raw materials to lower tariff rates than intermediate and finished goods.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 401 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The rate of import duty on crude oil falling under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code, as amended, is hereby reduced from 15% to 10% ad valorem, as follows:

T. H. No.	Description of Article	Rate of Duty
27.09	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude:	
100	x x x	
900	Other	ad val. 10%

SECTION 2, Upon the effectivity of this Executive Order, the above article which is entered or withdrawn from warehouses in the Philippines for consumption shall be subject to the rate of duty herein prescribed.

SECTION 3. All orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. This Executive Order shall take effect thirty (30) days after date hereof.

Done in the City of Manila, this 20th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Acting Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 307
ESTABLISHING AN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH CENTER
IN THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, there is an imperative need to upgrade the capability of the Government to eliminate or reduce work-related injuries, illnesses and deaths which have resulted in huge economic losses in terms of manhours, destruction of property and more expenditure for employees' compensation, not to mention the untold suffering of victims of industrial accidents and their families;

WHEREAS, the effective implementation of occupational health and safety programs will enhance significantly the productivity of industries, a critical factor in the attainment of national developmental goals, and at the same time, promote the health, efficiency and general well-being of the Filipino worker through the improvement of the quality of his working life;

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish an expert industrial disease and occupational safety intelligence and training center that will provide the mechanisms in the achievement of the objectives set forth in the issuance;

WHEREAS, the Government of Japan through Japan International Cooperation Agency has so graciously acceded to the request of the Philippines to finance the construction of the Center envisioned in this issuance and equip the same with the necessary instruments, equipment, laboratories and other facilities as well as appropriate technology and expertise under its grant-aid and technical cooperation programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established in the Employees' Compensation Commission the Occupational Safety and Health Center, hereinafter referred to as the Center.

SECTION 2. The Center shall have the following powers and functions:

a. To undertake continuing studies and researches on occupational safety and health, including those relating to the establishment of causal connection between diseases and occupations and the development of medical criteria in determining the nature and extent of impairment or diminution in health, functional capacity or life expectancy of the employees as a result of their work and working conditions;
b. To plan, develop and implement training programs in the field of occupational safety and health, and related interests;
c. To serve as a clearing house of information and innovative methods, techniques and approaches in dealing with occupational safety and health problems and institute a mechanism of information dissemination to the general public;
d. To monitor the working environment by the use of industrial hygiene, field and laboratory equipment and conduct medical examinations of workers exposed to hazardous substances for the ready detection of occupational diseases;

e. To act as the duly recognized agency to undertake practical testing for safe use and set standard specifications of personal protective and other safety devices;
f. To assist government agencies and institutions in the formulation of policies and standards on occupational safety and health and other matters related thereto and issue technical guidelines for the prevention of occupational diseases and accidents;
g. To adopt annually a budget of expenditures of the Center and its staff chargeable against the State Insurance Fund: Provided, That the SSS and GSIS shall advance on a quarterly basis the remittances of allotment of the loading fund for this Center's operational expenses based on its annual budget as duly approved by the Department of Budget and Management; Provided, further, That such budget shall not exceed 4% of the 12% loading fund based on the total of the State Insurance Fund and its earnings as of December 31st of the preceding years;
h. To perform such other acts as it may deem appropriate for the attainment of the purposes of the Center and proper enforcement of the provisions of this Executive Order; and
i. To enlist the assistance of government agencies and private organizations in carrying out the objectives of the Center.

SECTION 3. The Employees' Compensation Commission shall be the governing body of the Center.

SECTION 4. The general conduct of operations and management functions of the Center shall be vested in the Executive Director under the immediate supervision of the Employees' Compensation Commission. He shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Employees' Compensation Commission. He shall be assisted by a Deputy Executive Director who shall likewise be appointed by the President of the Philippines. The Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director must have at least a Bachelor's degree and must have had experience of at least five years in the administration of occupational health and safety or employees' compensation and social security programs. Their annual salary shall be determined by the Employees' Compensation Commission.

The Executive Director of the Occupational Safety and Health Center and for as long as necessary, a chief expert on occupational safety and health from the Japan International Cooperation Agency, shall sit as non-voting members of the Board.

SECTION 5. The technical staff and other personnel of the Center shall be appointed by the Employees' Compensation Commission upon recommendation of the Executive Director.

SECTION 6. To insure its accessibility to workers, employers and the general public, the Center shall be located at North Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, in a two-hectare lot owned by the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, Department of Labor and Employment.

SECTION 7. The Administrator, Social Security System (SSS) and the President and General Manager, Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) are hereby ordered to immediately release the amount of THIRTY MILLION PESOS (₱30,000,000.00) out of the loading fund of the State Insurance Fund and its earnings, on a sharing of 70% for the SSS and 30% for the GSIS which shall constitute the initial funds of the Center for calendar year 1987: Provided, That no part of the aforesaid amount shall be used in the acquisition of the land provided for under Section 6 hereof. Thereafter, the SSS and GSIS shall remit to the Center, on the same sharing basis, such amount corresponding to its annual budget in accordance with the provisions of this Executive Order.

SECTION 8. The Employees' Compensation Commission shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Executive Order.

SECTION 9. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 4th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Acting Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 308
PROVIDING FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 14, of the 1987 Constitution states that: "The President shall provide for regional development councils or other similar bodies composed of local government officials, regional heads of departments and other government offices, and representatives from non-governmental organizations within the regions for purposes of administrative decentralization to strengthen the autonomy of the units therein and to accelerate the economic and social growth and development of the units in the region";

WHEREAS, there is a need to recognize and strengthen further the Regional Development Councils now existing in all the administrative regions of the country in order to make them more effective instruments for regional development, consistent with the aforesaid constitutional mandate;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the State that socio-economic development programs and activities of government be undertaken with the extensive and active participation and support from, and coordination of, various government agencies, as well as private sector institutions, at the national, regional and local levels.

SECTION 2. Reorganization of the Regional Development Council. To carry out the aforesaid policy, the Regional Development Council, hereafter referred to as the Council, is hereby reorganized and strengthened. The Council shall be the primary institution in the region which shall set the direction of economic and social development of the region and through which regional development efforts shall be coordinated.

a. Composition of the Council. The Council shall be composed of the following members:

(i) All provincial Governors, and Mayors of chartered cities and of the regional center in each region;
(ii) The Regional Directors of agencies represented in the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Board: Provided, That each Department or Agency shall be represented by only one Regional Director thereof; and
(iii) Representatives of the private sector and non-governmental organizations who shall not be more than one-fourth of the members of the fully constituted Council and who shall be selected by the ex-officio members of the Council in accordance with the Rules and Regulations to be prescribed under Section 9 of this Executive Order.

b. Functions of the Council. The Council shall have the following functions:

(i) Coordinate the formulation of long-term, medium-term and annual socio-economic development plans and policies at the regional and subregional levels;

(ii) Coordinate the formulation of the medium-term and annual public investment programs at the regional and subregional levels;
(iii) Undertake the appraisal and prioritization of the region's socio-economic development programs and projects, consistent with the standards and policies developed by the NEDA;
(iv) Promote and monitor the inflow and allocation of private investment capital in the regions, consistent with development objectives, strategies and policies adopted;
(v) Coordinate the implementation of programs and projects in the region which involve several agencies in their implementation; and
(vi) Monitor, evaluate and formulate recommendations on the implementation of development plans and programs in the region.

To carry out its functions, the Council shall be responsible for (1) approving the Regional Development Plan, the Multi-year Regional Development Investment Program and the Regional annual Investment Program; (2) reviewing and endorsing to the national government the regional budget proposals of government agencies; and (3) ensuring the consistency of local development plans with the regional plan priorities, through coordination with the Provincial Development Councils and the Municipal Development Councils.

The Council shall meet as often as may be necessary but not less than once every quarter. It may, by resolution, create an Executive Committee to look after the day-to-day activities of the Council.

The Council shall report to the President through the NEDA Board.

c. Sectoral Committees. To assist the Council in the performance of its functions, it shall create various Sectorial Committees with private sector and government membership whose functions shall include the following: (i) collating and analyzing sectoral information and statistics in the preparation of the annual regional development report; (ii) assisting the Council in the translation of national development goals and policies into specific sectoral objectives; and (iii) coordinating all sectoral planning and programming activities of local governments and sectoral line agencies in the region.

SECTION 3. Regional Consultative Assembly. To strengthen further coordinative and consultative efforts in the region, there is hereby created in every region a Regional Consultative Assembly hereafter referred to as the Assembly to serve as a deliberative and consultative body to advise, assist, support and cooperate with the Council in discharging its functions.

a. Membership in the Assembly. The Assembly shall be composed of the members of the Regional Development Council and its sectoral committees; heads of other national government agencies in the region; and upon invitation of the Council, representatives of non-government organizations, sectarian organizations and the academe in the region nominated by the said entities.

The Assembly may meet as often as necessary but not less than once a semester.

b. Functions of the Assembly. The Assembly shall have the following functions:

(i) Serve as a forum for crystalizing ideas, suggestions and recommendations for regional development including priorities for development plans, programs and activities;
(ii) Provide indicators of various sectoral requirements for development within the region for purposes of guiding the Council in coming out with draft development plans, programs and projects;
(iii) Give advice on proposed regional development plans, investment programs and regional budget proposals; and

(iv) Provide assistance and support to approved regional development plans, programs and projects, and in generating congressional support for proposed annual budgets to carry out approved programs and projects.

SECTION 4. Chairmanship of the Council. The Council shall nominate three members, at least one each from the government and the private sector, for the Chairmanship of the Council to the President who shall appoint the Chairman of the Council. The Regional Director of the NEDA Secretariat shall be Vice-Chairman of the Council.

The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Council shall be the ex-officio Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively, of the Assembly.

SECTION 5. Non-applicability to the Autonomous Regions. This Executive Order shall not apply to the autonomous regions in Muslim Mindanao and in the Cordilleras.

SECTION 5. Functions, Powers and Responsibilities of the Council Chairman. The Chairman shall have the following functions, powers, and responsibilities:

(a) Preside over the meetings of the Council and the Assembly; request any agency, individual member of the Council, sectoral committee or any instrumentality attached to the Council to perform other functions as the Chairman may deem necessary;
(b) Accept, in behalf of the Council, donations, contributions, grants, bequests or gifts in cash or in kind from foreign governments, international offices, private entities, or any individual for purposes relevant to coordinating and planning function in regional development;
(c) Call the attention of implementing agencies to implementation problems with the end in view of instituting corrective measures;
(d) Supervise the monitoring of the implementation of major development programs, projects and activities;
(e) When called upon, represent the region in Cabinet meeting and budget review activities at the national level;
(f) Direct the formulation of a comprehensive regional development plan and preparation of a system of investment programming priorities for the region;
(g) Submit to the President through the NEDA Board regional plans, regional investment programs, annual development reports and other documents on the region as approved by the Council;
(h) Create ad hoc committees as may be required;
(i) Direct and supervise all activities of the Council; and
(j) Perform other functions and duties as may be directed by the President.

SECTION 7. Planning and Budgeting Measures. To strengthen the role of the Council in regional planning and budgeting, the Development Budget Coordination Committee of the NEDA Board shall modify the process of budget preparation and issue guidelines that would provide greater autonomy to the Council in its programs and projects consistent with regional, provincial and municipal development plans and with national priorities.

SECTION 8. Technical Staff of the Council. The Regional Office of the NEDA Secretariat shall serve as the principal technical staff of the Council and the assembly in the respective regions. In addition, the Council and the Assembly may request the regional offices of the various agencies of the

national government to provide such technical support as may be required for the effective discharge of the duties of the Council and the Assembly.

SECTION 9. Implementing Authority. The NEDA Board is hereby authorized to promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Executive Order.

SECTION 10. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 5th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Acting Executive Secretary

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 309
REORGANIZING THE PEACE AND ORDER COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the threat to peace and order posed by criminality, insurgency and subversion requires the dedicated efforts of all government official and citizens;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of local governments, the law enforcement agencies, the prosecution services, and similar institutions of Government to assist the Chief Executive in the proper enforcement of the laws and the administration of justice;

WHEREAS, Government efforts at peace and order need to be fully coordinated to effectively prevent and suppress criminality and to maintain public order and safety in the land;

WHEREAS, the participation of the citizenry in peace and order is of critical importance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws, do order and direct the following:

SECTION 1. Reorganization of the Peace and Order Council. - The Peace and Order Council is hereby reorganized on the national, regional, provincial, city and municipal levels of government to be constituted as follows:

(a) The National Peace and Order Council shall be composed of the following:

- The Secretary of Local Government as Chairman;
- The Secretary of National Defense as Vice-Chairman
- The Secretary of Justice;
- The Secretary of Social Welfare and Development;
- The Press Secretary
- The Director of the National Security Council;
- The Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights;
- The Chairman of the National Peace Commission
- The Director of the National Bureau of Investigation
- The Executive Director of the Dangerous Drugs Board;
- The AFP Chief of Staff;
- The Chief of the Philippine Constabulary; and
- Three (3) representatives from the private sector who shall be appointed by the Chairman, representing the academic, civic and religious organizations.

(b) The Regional Peace and Order Council shall be composed of the regional counterparts of the departments, offices and agencies enumerated in paragraph (a) above, wherever applicable, to be appointed by their respective agency heads, with the regional Director of the Department of Local Government as Chairman. The Chairman of the Regional Peace and Order Council shall appoint the three (3) representatives of the private sector, upon consultation with the members of the Council. Departments, offices and agencies

with no regional and/or field offices may deputize their representatives on the sub-national levels.

(c) The Provincial Peace and Order Council shall be composed of the Provincial counterparts of the department, offices and agencies as enumerated in paragraph (a) above, wherever applicable, to be appointed by their respective agency heads, with the Provincial Governor as Chairman. In addition, there shall be one representative of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to be chosen by it from among its members. The Chairman of the Provincial Peace and Order Council shall appoint the three (3) representatives of the private sector, upon consultation with the members of the Council at his level. Departments, offices and agencies with no provincial and/or field offices may deputize their representatives on the provincial level.

(d) The City or Municipal Peace and Order Council shall be composed of the city or municipal counterparts of the departments, offices and agencies as enumerated in paragraph (a) above, wherever applicable, to be appointed by their respective agency heads, with the City or Municipal Mayor as Chairman. In addition, there shall be one representative of the Sangguniang Panlungsod or Sangguniang Bayan, as the case may be, to be chosen by said Sanggunian from among its members. The Chairman of the City or Municipal Peace and Order Council shall appoint the three (3) representatives of the private sector, upon consultation with the members of the Council at his level. Departments, offices and agencies with no city, municipal and/or field offices may deputize their representatives on the city or municipal levels.

SECTION 2. Responsibility of the National Peace and Order Council. - The Peace and Order Council at the national level shall be responsible for the following functions:

(a) To prepare and recommend for the approval of the President, proposals, measures, thrusts and strategies that would effectively respond to peace and order problems.

(b) To coordinate and monitor peace and order plans, projects and the operation of Civilian Volunteer Self-Defense Organizations and such other counter-insurgency programs and activities.

(c) To perform such other duties and functions as the President may direct.

SECTION 3. Duties and Functions of Sub-National Councils. - The Regional, Provincial and City/Municipal Peace and Order Councils shall have the following duties and functions:

(a) Formulate plans and recommend such measures which will improve or enhance peace and order and public safety in their respective areas of responsibility.

(b) To monitor the implementation of peace and order programs and projects at the provincial, city or municipal levels and the operation of Civilian Volunteer Self-Defense Organizations and such other counter-insurgency programs and activities.

(c) Make periodic assessments of the prevailing peace and order situation in their respective areas of responsibility and submit a report thereon with recommendations to the Chairman of the National Peace and Order Council.

(d) Perform all other functions assigned by law, the President, or the National Peace and Order Council.

SECTION 4. Peace and Order Council Secretariat. - There shall be a Peace and Order Council Secretariat which shall handle the administrative and technical activities of the Peace and Order Council that is organized in the various administrative levels of government. Specifically, the Secretariat shall prepare plans and programs for the consideration of the Councils; supervise, direct and monitor, for the Council, implementation of approved policies, plans and programs; undertake liaisoning and coordination of activities with appropriate agencies of the government and provide a forum for inter-disciplinary dialogue and deliberation of major issues and problems affecting peace and order.

The Chairman of the National Police Commission shall act as the Secretary General, and shall be assisted in his functions and duties by the regular staff personnel of the National Police Commission and by the representatives of the various government offices and agencies composing the National Peace and Order Council.

SECTION 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - The National Peace and Order Council shall issue appropriate implementing rules and regulations to carry out this Order.

SECTION 6. Repealing Clause. - All prior issuances on the organization and functions of the Peace and Order Council inconsistent herewith shall be deemed superseded by this Order.

SECTION 7. Effectivity. - The reorganization of the Peace and Order Council as herein provided shall take effect immediately and be completed within thirty (30) days thereafter.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 11th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Acting Executive Secretary

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 310
GRANTING YEAR-END BONUS AND CASH GIFT
TO NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES.

WHEREAS, the State recognizes the dedication of government officials and employees to public service;

WHEREAS, it has been the policy of the government to grant a year-end reward and incentive to national government employees in the form of Christmas bonus and cash gift of P1,000 for each government employee;

WHEREAS, we should continue with the policy and provide the national government employees the same benefits extended last year to boost their morale and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the necessary appropriation for the purpose is already authorized under Executive Order No. 87, the General Appropriations Act for 1987;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby direct:

SECTION 1. All officials and employees of the National Government, regardless of employment status, whether regular, temporary, casual or contractual, who, as of October 31, 1987 have rendered at least four months of service, shall receive a year-end bonus equivalent to one month basis salary.

SECTION 2. An additional Cash Gift of P1,000 shall likewise be granted to all officials and employees of the National Government covered under Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 3. Local government units may provide the same benefits to their officials and employees under the same conditions as provided for in this Order, subject to availability of local funds.

SECTION 4. Government-owned and/or controlled corporations may likewise extend the same benefits to their respective officials and employees chargeable against their respective corporate funds. In the case of government-owned and/or controlled corporations not receiving subsidy from the National Government, they may grant year-end benefits consistent with those given for the year ended December, 1986 and as approved by the President after review and recommendation by the Department of Budget and Management.

SECTION 5. Officials and employees already receiving Christmas or year-end bonus or their equivalent, shall only receive such amount as shall be necessary to bring such Christmas, year-end or equivalent bonuses equal to the amounts provided under Sections 1 and 2 hereof.

SECTION 6. Officials and employees already receiving Christmas or year-end bonus or their equivalent, equal to or more than the amount provided under Section 1 and 2 hereof, shall no longer be entitled to the amount granted under this Order.

SECTION 7. Funds needed to implement the year-end bonus and cash gift authorized in this Order for national government employees shall be charged against the Government Employees Amelioration Fund authorized under Executive Order No. 87, the General Appropriations Act for CY 1987. Any deficiency shall be charged against the personal services savings of the National Government.

SECTION 8. The Department of Budget and Management shall issue the implementing circular to carry out this Executive Order.

SECTION 9. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 12th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Acting Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1987). *[Executive Order Nos.: 171 - 390]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 311
REDUCING THE RATE OF TAX ON INDIGENOUS PETROLEUM AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER SECTION 129, (AS RENUMBERED TO SECTION 151(a)(4) UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 273), OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, under Section 129 (as renumbered to Section 151(a)(4) under Executive Order No. 273), of the National Internal Revenue Code, as amended, indigenous petroleum is subject to excise tax equivalent to Twenty-Two Percent (22%) of the fair international market price thereof;

WHEREAS, the said tax on indigenous petroleum is intended to equalize the tax and duty treatment of imported crude oil and indigenous petroleum;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 303 dated August 25, 1987 reduced from Twenty Percent (20%) Ad Valorem to Fifteen Percent (15%) Ad Valorem the import duty on imported crude oil;

WHEREAS, in order to maintain the equal tax and duty treatment of indigenous petroleum and imported crude oil, there is likewise a need to decrease the excise tax on indigenous petroleum to match the reduced duty on imported crude oil.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, pursuant to Section 241 of the National Internal Revenue Code, as amended, hereby order as follows:

Section 1. The rate of excise tax imposed on indigenous petroleum as provided for under Section 129 (as renumbered to Section 151(a)(4) under Executive Order No. 273), of the National Internal Revenue Code, as amended, is hereby reduced from twenty-two percent (22%) to fifteen percent (15%) of the fair international market price thereof.

Section 2. For expediency and pending promulgation of guidelines to determine the fair international market price of indigenous petroleum, the contract price in an arms length transaction between the petroleum producer and the buyer including freight and insurance premium covering the transportation of the indigenous petroleum to the domestic refineries shall be used as the tax base in computing the excise tax due thereon.

Section 3. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue is hereby authorized to promulgate such rules and regulations, guidelines or issuances necessary to ensure effective implementation of the provisions of this Order.

Section 4. All orders, issuances, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 10th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 312
REDUCING THE RATE OF TAX ON INDIGENOUS PETROLEUM AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER SECTION 129, (AS RENUMBERED TO SECTION 151 (a) (4) UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 273), OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, the tax on indigenous petroleum is intended to equalize the tax and duty treatment of imported crude oil and indigenous petroleum;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 303 dated August 25, 1987 reduced from Twenty Percent (20%) Ad Valorem to Fifteen (15%) Ad Valorem the import duty on imported crude oil;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 311 dated December 10, 1987 reduced the tax on indigenous petroleum from Twenty-Two Percent (22%) to Fifteen Percent (15%) as a consequence of the reduction of the duty rate on imported crude oil under Executive Order No. 303 dated August 25, 1987;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 306 dated October 20, 1987 further reduced from Fifteen Percent (15%) Ad Valorem to Ten Percent (10%) Ad Valorem the import duty on imported crude oil;

WHEREAS, in order to maintain the equal tax and duty treatment of indigenous petroleum and imported crude oil, there is likewise a need to decrease the excise tax on indigenous petroleum to match the reduced duty on imported crude oil.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, pursuant to Section 241 of the National Revenue Code, as amended, hereby order as follows:

Section 1. The rate of excise tax imposed on indigenous petroleum as provided for under Section 129, (as renumbered to Section 151 (a) (4) under Executive Order No. 273), of the National Internal Revenue Code, as amended, is hereby reduced from fifteen percent (15%) to ten percent (10%) of the fair international market price thereof.

Section 2. For expediency and pending promulgation of guidelines to determine the fair international market price of indigenous petroleum, the contract price in an arms length transaction between the petroleum producer and the buyer including freight and insurance premium covering the transportation of the indigenous petroleum to the domestic refineries shall be used as the tax base in computing the excise tax due thereon.

Section 3. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue is hereby authorized to promulgate such rules and regulations, guidelines or issuances necessary to ensure effective implementation of the provisions of this Order.

Section 4. All orders, issuances, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 16th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1987). *[Executive Order Nos.: 171 - 390]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 313
PROHIBITING PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO VISIT TAIWAN
OR TO RECEIVE CALLS BY VISITING TAIWANESE OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Joint Communiqué dated 9 June 1975, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the People's Republic of China exchanged mutual recognition;

WHEREAS, under the same Joint Communiqué the Government of the Republic of the Philippines recognized the Government of the People's Republic of China as the sole legal government of China and that there is but one China and that Taiwan is an integral part of Chinese territory;

WHEREAS, any official dealing with Taiwan on the part of the Philippines would be contrary to the one-China policy and the agreement with the Government of the People's Republic of China;

WHEREAS, it was the understanding that people-to-people relations between the Philippines and Taiwan may continue, such commercial, economic, cultural and other unofficial contacts;

WHEREAS, unofficial contacts between the Philippines and Taiwan are facilitated by private offices -- the Philippines' Asian Exchange Center, Inc. in Taipei and Taiwan's Pacific Economic and Cultural Center in Manila -- whose operations are tolerated by the People's Republic of China, provided that they maintain their non-governmental image and are not accorded diplomatic or formal consular status;

WHEREAS, even private visits to Taiwan by high-ranking Philippine government officials assume an official character, since they are perceived as representatives of the Philippine Government, and their visits are publicized and draw public attention;

WHEREAS, visits of Philippine government officials to Taiwan and calls of visiting Taiwanese officials on Philippine government officials are perceived by the People's Republic of China as violations of the one-China policy and the terms of the Joint Communique;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order, as a matter of policy, the following:

1. No official of the Philippine government may visit Taiwan.
2. No official of the Philippine government may receive Taiwanese officials visiting the Philippines.
3. No official activity relating to Taiwan shall be carried out without the clearance of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 17th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 314
CREATING THE BAGONG KILUSANG KABUHAYAN AT KAUNLARAN COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, there is a need to formulate the basic policies of the Bagong Kilusang Kabuhayan at Kaunlaran and to redirect and refocus its thrusts and objectives in line with the aim of the present administration of promoting, generating and developing livelihood opportunities and productive enterprises;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created in the Office of the President the Bagong Kilusang Kabuhayan at Kaunlaran (BKKK) Committee, to be composed of the following:

Executive Secretary	-	Chairman
Undersecretary, Presidential Management Staff	-	Vice-Chairman
Deputy Executive Secretary	-	Member
Assistant Executive Secretary for Budget and Corporate Affairs	-	Member
Presidential Legal Counsel	-	Member

SECTION 2. The Bagong Kilusang Kabuhayan at Kaunlaran (BKKK) Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

a. To advise the President on matters concerning the national livelihood program;
b. To formulate basic policies, programs and guidelines for the implementation of the national livelihood program;
c. To review and coordinate all activities related to the national livelihood program,

all in accordance with Executive Order No. 130 (January 30, 1987) and Executive Order No. 238 (July 22, 1987).

SECTION 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 17th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 315
RENAMING THE CABINET COMMITTEE ON THE BATAAN NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AS "THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE ON THE PHILIPPINE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT" AND DEFINING ITS STRUCTURE, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS.

WHEREAS, on April 30, 1986 the Cabinet decided not to operate the Philippine Nuclear Power Plant (PNPP) and created a Committee to study the legal options available to the Philippine Government in connection with such decision;

WHEREAS, the Senate has created and Ad Hoc Bataan Power Plant Committee to study and oversee the policy considerations bearing on any action on the PNPP, in close consultation and coordination with the Cabinet Committee on the PNPP and the House Committee on Energy;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 55, as amended by Executive Order No. 98, transferred the ownership of the PNPP, its equipment, materials, facilities, records and uranium fuel from the National Power Corporation to the National Government, subject to such obligations as may be legally enforceable against the National Government;

WHEREAS, the statute of limitations, the huge interest payments, and other pressing factors render it imperative and urgent that the Government accelerate, systematize and integrate all its actions in respect to the PNPP; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to define the structure, powers and functions of the Cabinet Committee on the PNPP to enable it to implement more effectively and immediately its mandate to study the legal options available to the Philippine Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Name. - The Cabinet Committee on the Bataan Nuclear Plant is hereby renamed "The Presidential Committee on the Philippine Nuclear Power Plant" and its structure, powers and functions are hereby defined as provided hereinbelow.

SEC. 2. Composition. - The Committee shall be composed of the following officials or their duly authorized representatives:

Secretary of Justice	Chairman
Secretary of Finance	Member
Secretary of Budget and Management	Member
Secretary of Science and Technology	Member
Chairman, Presidential Commission on Good Government	Member
Governor, Central Bank	Member
Solicitor General	Member
Director, Philippine Nuclear Research Institute	Member
President, National Power Corporation	Member
Administrator, Export Processing Zone Authority	Member
President, Philippine National Oil Company	Member

SEC. 3. Powers and Functions. - The Committee shall have the following powers and functions:

(a) To initiate, coordinate and implement the negotiation, arbitration and/or litigation of any and all claims, causes of action, or any other legal option that the Government has or may have against any person, natural or juridical, in connection with the Philippine Nuclear Power Plant;
(b) To supervise and coordinate the maintenance and preservation of the Philippine Nuclear Power Plant, and the disposition or liquidation of its structures, equipment, spare parts, uranium fuel, and other related items;
(c) To initiate and coordinate the efforts of the appropriate Government agencies and instrumentalities to restructure, whenever legally enforceable, all loans and financial obligations relating to the Philippine Nuclear Power Plant, and otherwise dispose of all related claims;
(d) To call upon any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government for such assistance as the Committee may need, to request and utilize the services of their personnel, technical experts and professionals, and to utilize and share their resources and materials;
(e) To retain counsel and consultants, foreign and/or local, subject to applicable laws, rules and regulations, and policy considerations;
(f) To enter into contracts for the purchase, rental, procurement or use of office space, equipment and other logistical resources, including the availment of facilities for required domestic or international communication and travel;
(g) To hold fact-finding hearings and other investigative activities, for which purpose it may administer oaths or affirmations; and issue subpoena ad testificandum for any public official or private individual to testify before it, or subpoena duces tecum for the production of required documents or information, and to exercise such powers in aid of its investigative powers under the law;
(h) To formulate and implement such operational rules and regulations as will ensure the efficient performance of its functions; and
(i) In general, to exercise all the powers and perform all the functions necessary and appropriate to pursue and attain its objectives.

SEC. 4. Divisions. - The Committee shall have three (3) operating divisions, namely:

(a) Legal Division, to be headed by Secretary of Justice, and composed of the Secretary of the Budget and Management, the Chairman of the Presidential Commission on Good Government, the Solicitor General and the President of the National Power Corporation, which shall have primary supervisory responsibility for the enforcement of all claims and/or legal options relative to the PNPP.
(b) Asset Maintenance and Disposition Division, to be headed by the Secretary of Science and Technology, and composed of the President of the National Power Corporation, the Director of the Philippine Nuclear Research Institute, the Administrator of the Export Processing Zone Authority, and the President of the Philippine National Oil Company, which shall have primary supervisory responsibility for the preservation and maintenance of PNPP and the liquidation and disposition of its assets.

(c) Debt Restructuring and Disposition Division, to be headed by the Secretary of Finance, and composed of the Governor of the Central Bank and the President of the National Power Corporation, which shall have primary supervisory responsibility for the restructuring, whenever legally enforceable, of all loans and financial obligations relating to PNPP.

SEC. 5. Secretariat and Technical Committees. - The Committee shall have a Secretariat which shall collate all data, information and materials, and provide all the necessary staff support to the Committee. It shall be composed of such personnel from the public and private sectors as may be detailed to the Committee upon request of the Chairman. The Secretariat shall be headed by an Executive Director to be designated by the Chairman, upon consultation with the members of the Committee. The members of the Secretariat of the previous Cabinet Committee on the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant shall be deemed part of the Secretariat. The Secretariat shall coordinate with the Staff of the Senate Ad Hoc Bataan Nuclear Power Plant Committee and the House Committee on Energy.

Whenever necessary, the Committee may constitute technical committees/sub-committees to assist it in the discharge of its functions and to engage the services of members of the private sector for advice, consultation and appropriate assistance.

SEC. 6. Funds. - The sum of FORTY MILLION (₱40,000,000.00) PESOS, is hereby set aside from the Contingent Funds of the Office of the President for the use of the Committee. In case of a deficiency, such sums as may be necessary to support the Committee's operations shall be provided by the participating agencies and by such other entities willing to contribute upon request of the Committee.

SEC. 7. Effectivity. - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 4th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 316
INSTITUTING THE PRESIDENTIAL CITATION FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO PHILIPPINE DEMOCRACY.

I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute an award to be known as the Presidential Citation for Outstanding Service to Philippine Democracy, to be awarded to individuals who have rendered outstanding service in the defense, restoration and/or preservation of Philippine Democracy.

The award may, by authority of the President, also be conferred by the Executive Secretary or the Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

The Citation may be awarded posthumously to any individual entitled thereto, in which case it shall be received by his legal heirs or by his nearest kin; if there be no heir or nearest kin, by any person designated by the President of the Philippines, or acting by authority of the President, by the Executive Secretary or the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, on behalf of the deceased.

The Presidential Citation shall be conferred in the usual forms of gold, silver and bronze medals. The National Historical Institute shall prescribe such rules and regulations concerning the design specifications of the Presidential Citation for Outstanding Service to Philippine Democracy, the manner of wearing them, and other details pertinent thereto, which rules and regulations shall be approved by the President of the Philippines.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 19th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 317
AMENDING SECTIONS 1, 3 AND 4 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 309, S. 1987 ENTITLED "REORGANIZING THE PEACE AND ORDER COUNCIL".

WHEREAS, there is a need to clarify certain provisions of Executive Order No. 309 and to expand the membership of the Peace and Order Council, in order to ensure more comprehensive and effective coordination of government efforts and the active participation of citizenry relative to the conduct of national campaign against criminality and insurgency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Executive Order No. 309 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. Reorganization of the Peace and Order Council. The Peace and Order Council is hereby reorganized on the national, regional, provincial, city and municipal levels of government to be constituted as follows:

(a) The National Peace and Order Council (NPOC) shall be composed of the following:

- The Secretary of Local Government as Chairman;
- The Secretary of National Defense as Vice-Chairman;
- The Secretary of Justice;
- The Secretary of Social Welfare and Development;
- The Secretary of Public Works and Highways
- The Secretary of Trade and Industry
- The Press Secretary
- The Director of the National Security Council;
- The Chairman of the National Peace Commission;
- The Director of the National Bureau of Investigation;
- The Chairman of the National Police Commission;
- The Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights;
- The Executive Director of the Dangerous Drugs Board;
- The AFP Chief of Staff;
- The Chief of Constabulary/Director General, INP; and
- Eight (8) representatives from the private sector who shall be appointed by the Chairman, representing the academic, civic, religious, youth, labor, legal, business and media organizations.

(b) The Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) shall be composed of the regional counterparts of the departments, offices and agencies enumerated in paragraph (a) above, their respective agency heads. The RPOC Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be appointed by the Chairman of the NOPC.

The Chairman of the RPOC shall appoint at least three (3) representatives from the private sector as enumerated under paragraph (a) above, upon consultation with the members of the RPOC. Departments, offices, and agencies with no regional and/or field offices may deputize their representatives on the sub-national levels.

(c) The Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC) shall be composed of the provincial counterparts of the departments, offices and agencies enumerated in paragraph (a) above, wherever applicable, to be appointed by their respective agency heads, with the Provincial Governor as Chairman and the Provincial Vice-Governor as Vice-Chairman. In addition, there shall be one representative of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to be chosen by it from among its members.

The Chairman of the Provincial Peace and Order Council shall appoint at least three (3) representatives of the private sector as enumerated under paragraph (a) above, upon consultation with the members of the Council at his level (PPOC). Departments, offices and agencies with no regional and/or field offices may deputize their representatives on the provincial level.

(d) The City or Municipal Peace and Order Council shall be composed of the city or municipal counterparts of the departments, offices and agencies as enumerated in paragraph (a) above, wherever applicable, to be appointed by their respective agency heads with the City or Municipal Mayor as Chairman and the respective Vice-Mayor as Vice-Chairman. In addition, there shall be one representative of the Sangguniang Panglungsod or Sangguniang Bayan, as the case may be, to be chosen by said Sanggunian from among its members. The Chairman of the COPC or MPOC shall appoint one representative from the Veterans group of the locality and at least three (3) representatives of the private sector as enumerated under paragraph (a) above, upon consultation with the members of the Council at his level (CPOC or MPOC). Departments, offices and agencies with no regional and/or field offices may deputize their representatives on the city or municipal levels.

SECTION 3. Section 3 of Executive Order No. 309 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 3. Duties and functions of Sub-National Councils. The Regional, Provincial and City/Municipal Peace and Order Councils shall have the following duties and functions:

(a) Formulate plans and recommend such measures which will improve or enhance peace and order and public safety in their respective areas of responsibility.

(b) To monitor the implementation of peace and order programs and projects at the provincial, city or municipal levels and the operation of Civilian Volunteer Self-Defense Organizations and such other counter-insurgency programs and activities.

(c) Make periodic assessments of the prevailing peace and order situation in their respective areas of responsibility and submit a report thereon with recommendations to the Chairman of the National Peace and Order Council.

(d) To receive complaints against government personnel, civilian or military, and indorse the same to the agency concerned and demand/compel such agency to submit report of action taken thereon.

SECTION 4. Section 4 of Executive Order No. 309 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 4. Peace and Order Council Secretariat. There shall be a Peace and Order Council Secretariat which shall handle the administrative and technical activities of the Peace and Order Council that is organized in the various administrative levels of government. Specifically, the Secretariat shall prepare plans and programs for the consideration of the Councils; supervise, direct and monitor, for the Council implementation of approved policies, plans and programs; undertake liaisoning and coordination of activities with appropriate agencies of the government and provide a forum for inter-disciplinary dialogue and deliberation of major issues and problems affecting peace and order.

The national and regional offices of the NAPOLCOM shall serve as the secretariat of the NPOC and RPOC, respectively, with the Chairman of the NAPOLCOM Acting as the Secretary-General at the national level and the NAPOLCOM Regional Director Acting as head of the RPOC Secretariat.

At the provincial, city and municipal levels, the Secretariat of the PPOC, CPOC and MPOC shall be headed by the most senior DLG officer stationed in the province, city or municipality.

The Secretariat, at all levels shall be assisted in its functions and duties by the regular staff of the office of the Council Chairman."

SECTION 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 5th day of February in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1988). *[Executive Order Nos.: 171 - 390]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 318
AMENDING SECTIONS 2 (a-i) AND 3 (a) OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 308, "PROVIDING FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS."

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide for a wider membership of the Regional Consultative Assemblies to make these more effective as deliberative and consultative bodies to advise, assist, support and cooperate with the Regional Development Councils in discharging their functions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 2 (a-i) of Executive Order No. 308 providing for the reorganization of the Regional Development Councils is hereby amended to read as follows:

> "(i) All provincial Governors and Mayors of chartered cities; Mayors of municipalities designated as Provincial Capital of provinces where there are no chartered cities; and Mayors of the regional center in each region;"

SECTION 2. Section 3 (a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

> "SECTION 3. Regional Consultative Assembly. To strengthen further coordinative and consultative efforts in the region, there is hereby created in every region a Regional Consultative Assembly herein referred to as the Assembly to serve as a deliberative and consultative body to advise, assist, support and cooperate with the Council in discharging its functions.
>
> a. Membership in the Assembly. The Assembly shall be composed of the members of the House of Representatives of the Philippine Congress representing the provinces and districts of the region when authorized by Resolution of the House; members of the Regional Development Council and its sectoral committees; heads of other national government agencies in the region; and upon invitation of the Council, representatives of non-government organizations, sectarian organizations and the academe in the region nominated by the said entities.
>
> The Assembly may meet as often as necessary but not less than once a semester."

SECTION 3. Section 4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

> "SECTION 4. Chairmanship of the Council. The Council shall be headed by a Chairman who shall be appointed by the President. The President shall appoint a Co-Chairman to exercise such functions as the President may designate, provided that the co-chairman comes from the private sector if the chairman is from the

public sector or vice-versa. The Regional Director of the NEDA Secretariat shall be Vice-Chairman of the Council.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council shall be the ex-officio Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively, of the Assembly."

SECTION 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 12th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 319
PROVIDING FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS

WHEREAS, there is a need to strengthen the mechanism for coordinating the efforts of national and local government officials and non-governmental organizations to accelerate economic and social growth and development at the regional and local levels;

WHEREAS, there is a need for greater participation from the private sector and nongovernmental organizations in the development planning process;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. Reorganization and Strengthening of the Local Development Councils. The Provincial Development Councils, City Development Councils, Municipal Development Councils and Barangay Development Councils are hereby reorganized and strengthened. The Councils shall assist local legislative bodies in setting the direction of economic and social development and coordinating development efforts in their respective territorial jurisdictions.

1.1 Composition of the Local Development Councils.

1.1.1 Barangay Development Council. The Barangay Development Council shall be headed by the Barangay Captain and shall be composed of the following members:

(i) The Sangguniang Barangay;
(ii) The Department of Local Governments officer assigned to the municipality;
(iii) Representatives of government agencies working or assigned in the barangay; and
(iv) Representatives of the private sector and non-governmental organizations operating in the barangay.

1.1.2 City Development Council and Municipal Development Council. The City and Municipal Development Council shall be headed by the Mayor and shall be composed of the following members:

(i) The Barangay Captains;
(ii) The Chairman of the Appropriations-Committee of the Sangguniang Panglungsod/Bayan;
(iii) Heads of offices in the city or municipality of departments and agencies represented in the Cabinet: Provided, that each Department or Agency shall be represented by only one head of office;
(iv) Representatives of the private sector and non-governmental organizations who shall not be more than one-fourth of the members of the fully constituted council and who shall be confirmed by the ex-officio members of the City and

Municipal Development Council in accordance with the Rules and Regulations to be prescribed under Section 9 of this Executive Order.

1.1.3 Provincial Development Councils. The Provincial Development Council shall be headed by the Governor and shall be composed of the following members:

(i) Mayors of Component Cities and Municipalities;
(ii) The Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;
(iii) Heads of offices in the province of departments and agencies represented in the Cabinet: Provided, that each Department or Agency shall be represented by only one head of office;
(iv) Representatives of the private sector and nongovernmental organizations who shall not be more than one-fourth of the members of the fully constituted council and who shall be confirmed by the ex-officio members of the Provincial Development Council in accordance with the Rules and Regulations to be prescribed under Section 9 of this Executive Order.

SECTION 2. Executive Committee. The local development councils may, by council resolution, create an Executive Committee, and define its membership, functions and responsibilities.

SECTION 3. Sectoral or Functional Committees. The local development councils may organize sectoral or functional committees in accordance with the rules and regulations to be prescribed under Section 9 of this Executive Order.

SECTION 4. Secretariat. There shall be constituted for each Council a Secretariat which shall be responsible for providing technical support, and documentation of proceedings and reports.

4.1 The Barangay Development Council Secretariat shall be headed by the Barangay Secretary who shall be assisted by the Department of Local Governments officer assigned to the barangay.
4.2 The Municipal, City, and Provincial Development Council Secretaries shall be headed by the Municipal, City and Provincial Planning and Development Coordinators, respectively.
4.3 The local development councils shall determine the membership of their respective secretariats.
4.4 The offices of the various agencies of the national government shall, upon request of the local development council secretariats, provide such technical support as may be required in the discharge of their functions. The local development council may avail of the services of any nongovernmental organization, or educational and research institutions.

SECTION 5. Functions of the Local Development Council. The Provincial Development Council, City Development Council, and Municipal Development Council shall have the following functions:

(i) Formulate long-term, medium term, and annual socio-economic development plan and policies;
(ii) Formulate the medium-term and annual public investment programs;
(iii) Appraise and prioritize the socio-economic development programs and projects;

(iv) Formulate local investment incentives to promote the inflow and direction of private investment capital;
(v) Coordinate, monitor and evaluate programs and projects; and
(vi) Perform such other functions as may be provided for by law or competent authority.

The Barangay Development Council shall have the following functions:

(i) Mobilize citizens' participation in local development efforts;
(ii) Identify programs and projects, based on local requirements;
(iii) Monitor and evaluate program and project implementation; and
(iv) Perform such other functions as may be provided for by law or competent authority.

SECTION 6. Relation to local legislative bodies and the Regional Development Council.

6.1 Sangguniang Barangay

The Sangguniang Barangay shall approve the policies, programs and projects proposed by the Barangay Development Council, prior to submission to the City or Municipal Development Council for integration into the Municipal or City Development Plan.

6.2 Sangguniang Panglungsod and Sangguniang Bayan

The Sangguniang Panglungsod and Sangguniang Bayan shall approve the policies, programs and projects proposed by the City or municipal Development Councils, prior to submission to the Provincial Development Council for integration into the Provincial Development Plan.

6.3 Sangguniang Panlalawigan

The Sangguniang Panlalawigan shall approve the policies, programs and projects proposed by the Provincial Development Council, prior to the submission to the Regional Development Council.

6.4 Regional Development Council

The Regional Development Council shall integrate into the Regional Development Plan the policies, programs and projects approved by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan and the Sangguniang Panglungsod of chartered cities, prior to submission to the National Economic and Development Authority Board, in accordance with Executive Order No. 308.

SECTION 7. Budget Information. The Department of Budget and Management shall furnish the Councils information on financial resources applicable to their respective jurisdictions to guide them in their planning functions.

SECTION 8. Planning and Budgeting Measures. In accordance with Section 7 of Executive Order No. 308, the Development Budget Coordination Committee of the NEDA Board, in coordination with the Department of Local Governments, shall modify the process of budget preparation and issue guidelines that would provide greater autonomy to the Councils in its programs and projects consistent with regional provincial municipal and barangay development plans, and with national priorities.

SECTION 9. Implementing Authority. The NEDA Board, in coordination with the Department of Local Governments, the President of the Provincial Governors and City Mayors League, and the President of the Municipal Mayors League, is hereby authorized to promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Executive Order.

SECTION 10. Repealing Clause. All orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 4th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1988). *[Executive Order Nos.: 171 - 390]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 320
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 309, S. 1987, ENTITLED "REORGANIZING THE PEACE AND ORDER COUNCIL", AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 317, S. 1988.

WHEREAS, there is a need to further amend Executive Order No. 309 in order to ensure more comprehensive and effective coordination of government efforts and the active participation of citizenry relative to the conduct of national campaign against criminality and insurgency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Executive Order No. 309 is further amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. Reorganization of the Peace and Order Council. The Peace and Order Council is hereby reorganized on the national, regional, provincial, city and municipal levels of government to be constituted as follows:

(a) The National Peace and Order Council (NPOC) shall be composed of the following:

- The Secretary of Local Government as Chairman;
- The Secretary of National Defense as Vice-Chairman;
- The Secretary of Justice;
- The Secretary of Social Welfare and Development;
- The Secretary of Public Works and Highways;
- The Secretary of Trade and Industry;
- The Press Secretary;
- The Director of the National Security Council;
- The Chairman of the National Peace Commission;
- The Director of the National Bureau of Investigation;
- The Chairman of the National Police Commission;
- The Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights;
- The Executive Director of the Dangerous Drugs Board;
- The AFP Chief of Staff;
- The Chief of Constabulary/Director General, INP; and
- Eight (8) representatives from the private sector who shall be appointed by the Chairman, representing the academic, civic, religious, youth, labor, legal, business and media organizations.

(b) A Special Action Committee shall be organized within the NPOC, composed of the Secretary of Local Government, Secretary of National Defense, Secretary of Social Welfare and Development, Secretary of Justice and the AFP Chief of Staff, to take decisive action in emergency situations.

(c) The Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) shall be composed of the regional counterparts of the departments, offices and agencies enumerated in paragraph (a) above, to be appointed by their respective agency heads. The RPOC Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be appointed by the Chairman of the NPOC.
The Chairman of the RPOC shall appoint at least three (3) representatives from the private sector as enumerated under paragraph (a) above, upon consultation with the members of the RPOC. Departments, offices and agencies with no regional and/or field offices may deputize their representatives on the sub-national level.

(d) The Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC) shall be composed of the provincial counterparts of the departments, offices and agencies enumerated in paragraph (a) above, wherever applicable, to be appointed by their respective agency heads, with the Provincial Governor as Chairman and the Provincial Vice-Governor as Vice-Chairman. In addition, there shall be one representative of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to be chosen by it from among its members.
The Chairman of the Provincial Peace and Order Council shall appoint at least three (3) representatives of the private sector as enumerated under paragraph (a) above, upon consultation with the members of the Council at his level (PPOC). Departments, offices and agencies with no regional and/or field offices may deputize £heir representatives on the provincial level.

(e) The City or Municipal Peace and Order Council shall be composed of the city or municipal counterparts of the departments, offices and agencies as enumerated in paragraph (a) above, wherever applicable, to be appointed by their respective agency heads with the City or Municipal Mayor as Chairman and the respective Vice-Mayor as Vice-Chairman. In addition, there shall be one representative of the Sangguniang Panglungsod or Sangguniang Bayan, as the case may be, to be chosen by said Sanggunian from among its members. The Chairman of the CPOC or MPOC shall appoint one representative from the Veterans group of the locality and at least three (3) representatives of the private sector as enumerated under paragraph (a) above, upon consultation with the members of the Council at his level (CPOC or MPOC). Departments, offices and agencies with no regional and/or field offices may deputize their representatives on the city or municipal levels."

SECTION 2. Section 3 of Executive Order No. 309 is further amended to read as follows:

"Section 3. Duties and Functions of Sub-National Councils. The Chairman of respective Regional, Provincial, City, Municipal Peace and Order Councils shall be responsible for the proper management and supervision of the civilian volunteer organizations in coordination with other appropriate government entities. They shall have the following duties and functions:

(a) Formulate plans and recommend such measures as will improve or enhance peace and order and public safety in their respective areas of responsibility.

(b) To monitor the implementation of peace and order programs and projects at the provincial, city or municipal levels and the operation of Civilian Volunteer Self-Defense Organizations and such other counter-insurgency programs and activities.

(c) Make periodic assessments of the prevailing peace and order situation in their respective areas of responsibility and submit a report thereon with recommendations to the Chairman of the National Peace and Order Council.
(d) To receive complaints against government personnel, civilian, or military, and indorse the same to the agency concerned and demand/compel such agency to submit reports of action taken thereon."

SECTION 3. Section 4 of Executive Order No. 309 is furthest amended to read as follows:

"Section 4. Peace and Order Council Secretariat. There shall be a Peace and Order Council Secretariat which shall handle the administrative operational and technical if activities of the Peace and Order Council that is organize in the various administrative levels of government. Specifically, the secretariat shall prepare plans and program for the consideration of the councils; supervise, direct I and monitor, for the council, implementation of approved policies, plans and programs; undertake liaisoning and coordination of activities with appropriate agencies of the government and provide a forum for inter-disciplinary dialogue and deliberation of major issues and problems affecting peace and order.

"The national and regional offices of the NAPOLCOM shall serve as the secretariat of the NPOC and RPOC respectively, with the Chairman of the NAPOLCOM acting as the Secretary General of the national level and the NAPOLCOM regional director acting as head of the RPOC Secretariat.

"At the provincial, city and municipal levels, the Secretariat of the PPOC, CPOC and MPOC shall be headed by the most senior DLG officer stationed in the province, city of municipality.

"The Secretariat at all level, shall be assisted in its functions and duties by the regular staff of the office of the Council Chairman.

"The government agencies which are members of the NPOC shall create and organize a Task Force for Peace and Order in their ova departments."

SECTION 4. Section 5 of Executive Order No. 309 is further amended to read as follows:

"Section 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The National Peace and Order Council shall Issue appropriate implementing rules and regulations to carry out the objectives of this Order.

"The Chairman of the Peace and Order Council upon the direction of the President of the Philippines may be authorized to issue directives and guidelines to insure an effective implementation of the Rules and Regulations."

SECTION 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 11th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1988). *[Executive Order Nos.: 171 - 390]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 321
EXPANDING THE TERRITORIAL AREA OF THE SOUTH HARBOR PORT ZONE OF THE PORT OF MANILA UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the South Harbor at the Port of Manila is the biggest and busiest port in the country; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to expand the South Harbor Port Zone and ensure the proper zoning, utilization and administration of the limited port areas therein due to the increasing volume of cargo traffic and the concomitant port-related services and industries in the said Port Zone;

NOW, THEREFOR, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. The territorial area of the South Harbor, Port of Manila, hereinafter referred to as the South Harbor Port Zone, is hereby expanded eastward up to Bonifacio Drive and shall be more particularly described as follows:

> "Beginning at a point marked on the plan, being the intersection of the bulkheads fronting the Manila Hotel and the Philippine Coast Guard Building; thence along the existing bulkhead fronting the Manila Hotel and Presidential Landing Bulkhead; thence westward along the Presidential Landing Bulkhead to point 3, at the bulkhead along the Presidential Landing; thence northward across the Presidential Landing Basin perpendicular to the bulkhead fronting the Philippine Coast Guard Building at point 4, at the west boundary of the Philippine Coast Guard Building; thence along the existing bulkheads and the concrete edges of decks of Piers 15, 13, 9, 7, 5 and 3 to point 5, at the northwest corner of Muelle de San Francisco Street; thence westward across Engineering Island Basin to point 6, at the end of the existing Engineering Island breakwater; thence westward along the prolongation of the south boundary of the existing Engineering Island Basin breakwater to point 7, at the west boundary of the existing bulkhead of the western side of Engineering Island to point 8, at the north western side of Engineering Island; thence eastward along the existing south river wall of the Pasig River to point 9, thence along the existing south river wall of Pasig River up to northeast side of M. Roxas Bridge to point 10, thence southward at the intersection of 25th Street and Bonifacio Drive along Bonifacio Drive to point 11; thence westward at the intersection of 25th Street and Railroad Street, to point 12, thence to point 1, the point of beginning."

Section 2. The South Harbor Port Zone, as expanded, is hereby placed under the jurisdiction of the Philippine Ports Authority which shall, consistent with law, implement a program for the proper zoning and utilization of the limited port areas in the said Port Zone.

Section 3. The Philippine Ports Authority shall review all existing leases, leasehold rights and contracts on the areas within the expanded Port Zone in accordance with the port policy that it shall adopt, taking into consideration the primary utilization of the limited areas in the Port Zone for port-related businesses and industries. For this purpose, all records and documents covering all leases, leasehold rights and tenants in the said areas now with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources are hereby transferred to the Philippine Ports Authority.

Section 4. All orders, rules and regulations and issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 17th day of March, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 322
PROVIDING FOR THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONVENING OF THE REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION FOR MUSLIM MINDANAO, FIXING THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6649, "The Regional Consultative Commission Act of 1988 for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao", provides that the Office of the President shall take charge of all arrangements for the convening of the said Regional Consultative Commission;

WHEREAS, the same law states that the Commission shall be convened by the President or her duly authorized representative within fifteen (15) days after the approval of the Act and that the opening session shall be held in the City of Zamboanga at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, or at such other date and place as may be fixed by the President;

WHEREAS, the law further provides that the President or her duly authorized representative shall preside at its opening session until a presiding officer is elected by the Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers conferred upon me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Peace Commission, Office of the President, is designated to take charge of all arrangements for the convening of the regional Consultative Commission for Muslim Mindanao;

SECTION 2. Peace Commissioner Alfredo R. A. Bengzon is duly authorized to be the representative of the President to convene the Commission and to preside at its opening session until a presiding officer is elected by the Commission.

SECTION 3. The opening session of the Commission shall be held in the City of Cotabato on March 26, 1988 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

SECTION 4. The Secretary of Budget and Management is directed to release to the Regional Consultative Commission, as soon as it convenes, such funds as are necessary for its operations.

SECTION 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 24th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 323
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 316, DATED JANUARY 19, 1988, INSTITUTING THE PRESIDENTIAL CITATION FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO PHILIPPINE DEMOCRACY.

I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby amend the last paragraph of Executive Order No. 316, dated January 19, 1988, instituting the Presidential Citation for Outstanding Service to Philippine Democracy, to read as follows:

> "The Presidential Citation shall be conferred in gold medal. The National Historical Institute shall prescribe such rules and regulations concerning the design specifications of the Presidential Citation for Outstanding Service to Philippine Democracy, the manner of wearing them, and other details pertinent thereto, which rules and regulations shall be approved by the President of the Philippines."

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 12th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 324
WAIVING PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR IMMIGRANTS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

WHEREAS, Section 47(a(3) of Commonwealth Act No. 613, as amended, otherwise known as the Philippine Immigration Act of 1940, provides that "Notwithstanding the provisions of this Act, the President is authorized: (a) When the public interest so warrants x x x (3) To waive the passports requirement for immigrants, under such conditions as he may prescribed;" and

WHEREAS, it is now timely to waive passport requirements for immigrants under certain conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

1. An alien may apply with the Commissioner of Immigration and Deportation for waiver of passport requirements during the 12-month period beginning on a date as designated by the Commissioner of Immigration and Deportation, which shall not be later than 180 days after the effectivity of this Executive Order.

2. The alien must establish that he entered the Philippines before January 1, 1984, and that he has resided continuously in the Philippines in an unlawful status from such date to the filing of his application.

3. In the case of an alien who entered the Philippines as a non-immigrant before January 1, 1984, the alien must establish that his period of authorized stay as non-immigrant expired before such date through the passage of time or that the alien's unlawful status was known to the government as of such date.

4. The alien must establish that he has been continuously physically present in the Philippines since the date of the effectivity of this Executive Order; provided that an alien shall not be considered to have failed to maintain continuous physical presence in the Philippines by virtue of brief, casual and innocent absences from the Philippines.

5. Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed as authorizing an alien to apply for admission to, or to be admitted to, the Philippines in order to apply for adjustment of status under this Executive Order.

6. The alien must establish that (a) he is admissible to the Philippines as an immigrant, except as otherwise provided under Paragraphs 11 and 12; (b) he has not been convicted of any crime or of three or more violations of local ordinances committed in the Philippines; and (c) he has not assisted in the persecution of a person or persons on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.

7. The alien must demonstrate that he either (a) possesses minimal understanding of ordinary English or Filipino and a knowledge and understanding of the history and government of the Philippines; or (b) is satisfactorily pursuing a course of study recognized by the Commissioner of

Immigration and Deportation to achieve such an understanding of the history and government of the Philippines; provided that the Commissioner of Immigration and Deportation may, in her discretion, waive all or part of the requirements of clause (a) in the case of an alien who is 65 years of age or older.

8. Neither the Commissioner of Immigration and Deportation nor any other official or employee of the Department of Justice or bureau or agency thereof may (a) use the information furnished pursuant to an application filed under this Executive Order for any purpose other than to make a determination on the application or for enforcement of penalties for false statements in applications; or (b) make any publication whereby the information furnished by any particular individual can be identified; or (c) permit anyone other than the sworn officers and employees of the Commissioner of Immigration and Deportation to examine individual applications.

9. The Commissioner of Immigration and Deportation shall charge a fee of ₱50,000, plus an overtime fee of ₱1,000, for the filing of applications; provided that the Commissioner of Immigration and Deportation may, in her discretion, charge a lower fee for the spouse and minor children below 21 years old of the applicant.

10. The Commissioner of Immigration and Deportation shall deposit payments received under Paragraph 9 in a separate account, and amounts in such account shall be available, without fiscal year limitation, to cover administrative and other expenses incurred in connection with the review of applications filed under this Executive Order.

11. Except as provided in Paragraph 12, herein, the Commissioner of Immigration and Deportation may waive exclusion grounds under the Immigration Act in the case of individual aliens for humanitarian purposes to assure family unity or for the public interest.

12. The following grounds for exclusion may not be waived by the Commissioner of Immigration and Deportation, namely, (a) those relating to criminals; (b) those relating to aliens likely to become public charges; (c) those relating to drug offenses, except for so much of those provisions as relates to a single offense of simple possession of marijuana; and (d) those relating to national security and members of subversive organization.

13. The alien shall be required, at his expense, to undergo such a medical examination, including a determination of immunization status, as is appropriate and in conformity with generally accepted professional standards of medical practice.

14. The Commissioner of Immigration and Deportation shall provide that, in the case of an alien who presents a prima facie application during the application period and until a final determination of the application has been made in accordance with this Executive Order, the alien may not be deported.

15. The Commissioner of Immigration and Deportation shall establish a review mechanism to provide for a single level of administrative review of a determination made under this Executive Order.

16. The Commissioner of Immigration and Deportation is hereby authorized to issue rules and regulations necessary to implement this Executive Order.

17. All orders, rules and regulations in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby modified or repealed accordingly.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 13th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 325

MODIFYING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES AS PROVIDED UNDER THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, AS AMENDED, IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE DECISIONS OF THE THIRD ASEAN SUMMIT AND THE TWENTY THIRD MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND TOURISM (COTT) TO PROVIDE A MINIMUM LEVEL OF 25% MARGIN OF PREFERENCE TO CERTAIN ITEMS WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE PHILIPPINE EXCLUSION LIST AND TO DEEPEN THE MARGIN OF PREFERENCE IN RESPECT OF CERTAIN ITEMS WHICH ARE UNDER THE ASEAN PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS (PTA) TO 50% WITHIN FIVE YEARS.

Pursuant to the powers vested in me under Section 402 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Articles specifically listed in Annex "A" hereof as classified under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, shall be accorded a minimum level of 25% Margin of Preference (MOP) as items being introduced into the ASEAN PTA from the Philippine Exclusion List. In effect, such articles shall be subject to the Preferential Tariff for ASEAN in accordance with the schedule indicated in column 5 of said Annex "A". Items listed in Annex "B" hereof as classified under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, shall be accorded additional Margin of Preference as specified in Columns 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 of Annex "B". In effect, such articles shall be subject to the Preferential Tariff for ASEAN in accordance with the schedule indicated in Columns 5, 7, 9, 11 and 13 of Annex "B".

SECTION 2. In the event that any subsequent changes are made in the basic Philippine rate of duty on any of the abovementioned articles, such articles shall automatically be accorded the corresponding margin of preference.

SECTION 3. After the date of effectivity of this Executive Order, all the above-described articles entered or withdrawn from warehouses in the Philippines for consumption shall be subject to the rate of import duty herein prescribed subject to qualification under the Rules of Origin, as amended, as specified in the Agreement on ASEAN Preferential Trading Arrangements ratified on August 1, 1977.

SECTION 4. This Executive Order shall take effect as of April 1, 1988.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 326
AMENDING SECTION 6 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 856 AND REORGANIZING AND REACTIVATING THE PROVINCIAL/CITY COMMITTEES ON JUSTICE CREATED THEREUNDER.

WHEREAS, congestion and overcrowding continue to be a problem in local jails brought about by slow disposition of cases in certain instances, and the inability of those apprehended to secure their provisional liberty;

WHEREAS, Provincial/City Committees were created under Executive Order No. 856 precisely to help decongest local jails and to ensure, among others, that equal, prompt and humanized dispensation of justice is made available to all, especially to the poor and the helpless;

WHEREAS, the Provincial/City Committees on Justice have become moribund and inactive, with the change in the political structure of the government brought about the ratification of the 1987 Constitution, doing away with the Office of the Prime Minister which formerly exercised supervision over said committees; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to reactivate once more said Provincial/City Committees on Justice to help alleviate the living conditions of detainees and prisoners and decongest local jails;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 6 of Executive Order No. 856 is hereby amended to read as follows:

> "SEC. 6. Supervision. The Provincial/City Committees on Justice shall be under the supervision of the Secretary of Justice. Quarterly accomplishment reports shall be submitted to the Office of the Secretary of Justice."
>
> "SECTION 2. This Order shall take effect immediately."

Done in the City of Manila, this 1st day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 327
IMPLEMENTING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS NOS. 715 SERIES OF 1981, 238 SERIES OF 1987 AND 314 SERIES OF 1987 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, all KKK Capital Funds/National Livelihood Support Funds and its earnings were placed and consolidated under the control and supervision of the Office of the President pursuant to Executive Order Nos. 715 and 238;

WHEREAS, the President conscious of the need to address the livelihood concerns of the country issued Executive Order No. 314 creating and constituting the BKKK Committee to formulate basic policies for the Bagong Kilusang Kabuhayan at Kaunlaran, to redirect and refocus its thrusts and objectives in line with the aims of the present administration;

WHEREAS, the BKKK Committee recognizes the urgent need to address immediately the presidential directives and priorities in the delivery of livelihood opportunities and services to the unserved and unattended disadvantaged sectors of society;

WHEREAS, the government has enormous financial exposure that requires immediate recovery to be made available for the delivery of livelihood services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. KKK Capital Funds Earnings and Utilization. All incomes of the KKK Capital Funds/National Livelihood Support Funds as consolidated under Executive Order No. 238 shall be maintained in an account of the BKKK-Office of the President with the Trustee Bank, or Trustee Banks so designated by the BKKK Committee in accordance with Executive Order No. 238 and Executive Order No. 314.

SECTION 2. Utilization and Disposition of Capital Funds. The foregoing guidelines, rules and procedures shall be observed in the utilization and disposition of Capital Funds:

A. DELIVERY SYSTEMS

1. All KKK Capital Funds already consolidated and placed under the BKKK-Office of the President shall be maintained with the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) Trust Department and such other Trustee Banks or Banks named by the BKKK Committee and may be transferred to other conduit banks as may thereafter be named by the BKKK Committee.
2. KKK Capital Funds shall be utilized for the promotion, generation and development of livelihood opportunities.
3. KKK Capital Funds shall be made available for livelihood programs/projects of line government agencies, private volunteer organizations (PVOs) or non-government offices (NGOs) which shall now actively participate in the government concern of addressing the livelihood needs of the unattended and unserved disadvantaged sectors.

4. The BKKK Secretariat shall "wholesale" its funds or complement these funds with other resources of government offices, PVOs or NGOs (hereafter called the Program Participant) which shall undertake the "retailing of funds", administration, supervision and monitoring of livelihood programs/projects.
5. The BKKK Secretariat shall evaluate the instituted proposals for livelihood programs/projects of participating government offices, PVOs and NGOs and shall monitor their programs/projects with the objective of determining whether the funds released actually reached the intended beneficiaries.
6. Interest charges on released funds to the Program Participant shall be determined based on the proposal of the participating institutions but in no case shall exceed twelve percentum (12%) per annum.

B. FUND RELEASE AND REPAYMENTS

1. Mode of Fund Release - Upon receipt of the program action sheet and other pertinent documents from the BKKK Committee, the Trustee Bank or other designated bank shall release the funds directly to the Program Participant.
2. The Program Participant shall open an account with the LBP or the designated bank where the loan proceeds shall initially be deposited and maintained.

C. COLLECTION AND REPAYMENTS

1. Responsibility for Collection
   The Program Participant as retailer of the funds shall be responsible for the collection of amortizations falling due and shall directly remit the same to LBP or the designated bank for the account of BKKK.
2. Maturity Period
   The maturity period of the fund released to the Program Participant shall be based on the nature of the program/project duration, provided that it shall not exceed a maximum period of five (5) years.
3. Grace Period for Amortization Payment
   As a general rule, a grace period of not more than one year for the principal payment shall be allowed from drawdown date to the Program Participant.
4. Default
   The following instances shall constitute default and shall make the entire loan due and demandable:

   4.1 In the event of non-payment of loan fund amortization by Program Participant, the unpaid balance shall automatically become due and demandable in the following instances:

      4.1.1 In case of monthly loan amortization payments the loan shall be deemed due and demandable immediately after the third consecutive defaulted loan amortization.

4.1.2 In case of quarterly loan amortization payments, the loan shall be deemed due and demandable, immediately after the second consecutive defaulted loan amortization.

4.1.3 In case of semi-annual loan amortization payments, the loan shall be deemed due and demandable after the second consecutive defaulted loan amortization.

4.1.4 In case of annual/lump sum payments, immediately after one defaulted payment, provided a 30-day grace period is given the borrower.

4.2 Mismanagement of the Program Participant or its officers and/or Board of Directors as determined by the Credit Committee.

5. Notice of Default
A notice of loan arrearage shall be sent by the BKKK to the Program Participant upon default, copy furnished Land Bank of the Philippines.

D. RESTRUCTURING OF LOANS
If by reason of force majeure or fortuitous event directly affecting the project site (such as fire, flood or earthquake) the Program Participant if unable to repay its loan to the LBP may apply for restructuring of the loan, provided such events and incidents have been reported in writing to the Land Bank of the Philippines and the BKKK for proper verification within fifteen (15) days from occurrence thereof.

SECTION 3. Utilization and Disbursement of Fund Earnings. All interest accruing to the capital funds or income from its use, either thru lending, placements on government securities or with interest bearing bank accounts shall be known as earnings.

All earnings shall, subject to the approval of the BKKK Committee, be utilized and disbursed in accordance with Executive Order No. 715, Series of 1981 and this Executive Order.

SECTION 4. BKKK Organizations.

A. BKKK COMMITTEE

1. The BKKK Committee created by virtue of Executive Order No. 314 is composed of the following:

Executive Secretary	-	Chairman
Undersecretary, Presidential Management Staff	-	Vice-Chairman
Dep. Executive Secretary	-	Member
Asst. Executive Secretary for Budget and Corporate Affairs	-	Member
Presidential Legal Counsel	-	Member

2. The BKKK Committee shall continue to perform its duties and discharge the responsibilities as provided for in Section 2 of Executive Order No. 314, S. 1987. In accordance with Executive Order No. 238, the Committee shall be responsible in overseeing the consolidation of all KKK Capital Funds/National Livelihood Support Fund and the collection of all outstanding accounts to be consolidated.

B. BAGONG KILUSANG KABUHAYAN AT KAUNLARAN – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
A BKKK Executive Committee is hereby created composed of the Assistant Secretary of the Presidential Management Staff as Chairman, and two other members to be designated by the BKKK Committee.
Its functions are as follows:

1. Review and recommend general policies and guidelines referred to it by the BKKK Secretariat for BKKK Operations.
2. Perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the BKKK Committee from time to time.

C. BAGONG KILUSANG KABUHAYAN AT KAUNLARAN (BKKK) SECRETARIAT
The Kilusang Kabuhayan at Kaunlaran - National Secretariat, constituted under Executive Order No. 715 and Memorandum Circular No. 001-03 and attached to the Presidential Management Staff under Executive Order No. 130 and Memorandum No. 85 shall be responsible for the following:

1. Implement the objectives and thrusts of the BKKK in promoting, generating and developing livelihood opportunities and productive enterprises as approved by the BKKK Committee.
2. Carry out the consolidation of all KKK Capital Funds/National Livelihood Support Fund in accordance with Executive Order No. 238 and the collection of all outstanding unpaid loans as directed by the BKKK Committee.
3. Conceptualize, evaluate, market and monitor BKKK as a Fund and its role in the delivery of livelihood opportunities and services to the unserved, unattended, displaced and disadvantaged sectors of society in accordance with the priorities established by the BKKK Committee.

SECTION 5. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon signing.

Done in the City of Manila, this 9th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1988). *[Executive Order Nos.: 171 - 390]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 328
RECONSTITUTING THE CABINET COMMITTEE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 738 dated 3 October 1981 created the Cabinet Committee on the Treaty on the Law of the Sea, "[w]hich shall be responsible for the implementation of the Treaty on the Law of the Sea with respect to political, economic, strategic, security and other implications, with the Ministry (now Department) of Foreign Affairs as the coordinating agency in all matters relating thereto";

WHEREAS, the Philippines signed the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on 10 December 1982 and ratified the same;

WHEREAS, the Secretariat of the Cabinet Committee was located in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs under Executive Order No. 738 and was transferred to the Secretary-General, Office of the Prime Minister, under Executive Order No. 1034 dated 25 June 1985;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 1034 transferred the Chairmanship of the Cabinet Committee on the Law of the Sea from the Minister for Foreign Affairs to the Prime Minister;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 239 dated 24 July 1987, "Reorganizing the Department of Foreign Affairs And For Other Purposes" transferred the Law of the Sea Secretariat from the defunct Office of the Prime Minister to the Department of Foreign Affairs;

WHEREAS, there is an imperative need to reconstitute the Cabinet Committee on the Law of the Sea with representation from the government agencies to undertake studies concerning the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the harmonization of domestic laws and regulations with the Convention, in preparation for its entry into force;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Cabinet Committee on the Law of the Sea, hereinafter referred to as the Cabinet Committee, is hereby reconstituted as follows:

Secretary of Foreign Affairs	-	Chairman
Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources	-	Vice-Chairman
Secretary of Finance	-	Member
Secretary of Justice	-	Member
Secretary of Agriculture	-	Member
Secretary of National Defense	-	Member
Secretary of Trade and Industry	-	Member
Secretary of Transportation and Communications	-	Member
Director-General, National Economic and Development Authority	-	Member
Secretary of Budget and Management	-	Member
Executive Secretary	-	Member
Secretary of Science and Technology	-	Member

The President may designate such other officials as members of the Cabinet Committee.

SECTION 2. In order to ensure the efficient and effective discharge of its responsibilities, the Cabinet Committee may create sub-committees and/or working groups as it may deem necessary.

SECTION 3. The Law of the Sea Secretariat shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

a. Act as the supportive and administrative body of the Cabinet Committee as it affects the Philippines;
b. Formulate the necessary administrative and other procedural rules and regulations for the internal management of the Cabinet Committee;
c. Prepare, in consultation and coordination with the other concerned agencies, the administrative, technical and other technological requirements necessary for the effective and efficient management of the 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and to issue and disseminate the same;
d. Prepare, in consultation and in coordination with the other concerned agencies, short, medium, and long-term plans for the effective and efficient development, conservation and protection of the 200-mile EEZ;
e. Monitor and coordinate agencies in the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea;
f. Prepare the groundwork for any negotiation with other countries on matters concerning overlapping of boundaries, fisheries, energy, mineral and other agreements relating to the conservation, protection and exploitation, development and management of the 200-mile EEZ;
g. Render a regular and periodic report on its activities; and
h. Perform such other duties as the Cabinet Committee may entrust to it.

SECTION 4. The Secretariat shall be headed by a Secretary-General who is the Director-General for the Office of United Nations and Other International Organizations of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

SECTION 5. The Secretariat shall prepare and provide administrative support for the meetings of the Cabinet Committee and the sub-committees and/or working groups which may be created. It shall be the repository of all documents and records pertaining to the Convention.

SECTION 6. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 5th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1988). *[Executive Order Nos.: 171 - 390]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 329
CREATING APPRAISAL COMMITTEES IN THE METROPOLITAN MANILA AREA, DEFINING THEIR GENERAL FUNCTIONS, AND PRESCRIBING THEIR PROCEDURES.

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 132, Series of 1937, as amended by Executive Order No. 214, Series of 1939, should be updated due to the integration of four cities and thirteen municipalities by P.D. No. 824, removing the component municipalities of Metropolitan Manila from the jurisdiction of the Provinces of Rizal and Bulacan;

WHEREAS, there is a need to ascertain the purchase price of private properties required for development and infrastructure projects in the Metropolitan Manila Area;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to set up appraisal committees for the determination of the fair valuation of private properties to be purchased or acquired for public use;

WHEREAS, it is likewise necessary to define the functions and prescribe the procedures of these committees.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby create City Appraisal Committees, and Municipal Appraisal Committees in the Metropolitan Area, composed of the following:

A. CITY APPRAISAL COMMITTEES

Chairman	-	Metropolitan Manila Commission Governor's Representative
Member	-	Department of Public Works and Highways' Representative
Member	-	City Assessor
Member	-	City Engineer
Member	-	City Auditor

B. MUNICIPAL APPRAISAL COMMITTEES

Chairman	-	Metropolitan Manila Commission Governor's Representative
Member	-	Department of Public Works and Highways' Representative
Member	-	City Assessor (pursuant to P.D. No. 921)
Member	-	Municipal Engineer
Member	-	Municipal Auditor

where the properties subject of valuation are located.

The procedures prescribed under Executive Order No. 132, Series of 1937, as amended by Executive Order No. 214, Series of 1939, shall be followed by the Appraisal Committees hereunder created.

Done in the City of Manila, this **11th** day of **July,** in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1988). *[Executive Order Nos.: 171 - 390]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 330
CALLING THE CORDILLERA REGIONAL ASSEMBLY TO A SPECIAL SESSION, CLARIFYING ITS RESPONSIBILITY, PROVIDING FUNDS FOR ITS 1988 OPERATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the President has appointed a sufficiently large proportion of the members of the Cordillera Regional Assembly to enable it to be convened and conduct its business, and this is also the desire of its members;

WHEREAS, to enable the Cordillera Regional Assembly to conduct its business it is necessary to clarify its duties and responsibilities, in the light of the size and nature of its membership, the brief time allotted for its regular session, and the fact that it possesses an implementing arm, the Cordillera Executive Board, which is in continuous operation;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide resources for the 1988 operations of the Cordillera Regional Assembly out of the funds appropriated by Congress for the whole Cordillera Administrative Region which are now in the custody of its implementing arm;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. A special session of the Cordillera Regional Assembly shall be held in the City of Baguio on July 14, 1988 at ten o'clock in the morning.

SECTION 2. Undersecretary Ramon K. Katigbak of the Department of Finance is authorized to convene the Cordillera Regional Assembly and preside at the special session until a presiding officer is selected by the Assembly for this special session.

SECTION 3. In the discharge of its functions and responsibilities under Executive Order No. 220, Series of 1987, the Cordillera Regional Assembly shall be assisted by the Cordillera Executive Board through:

(a) the preparation of the necessary studies and recommendations for the policy consideration of the Assembly; and,
(b) the implementation of the policy decisions of the Assembly.

SECTION 4. The Cordillera Executive Board is hereby directed to release to the Cordillera Regional Assembly the sum of one million one hundred twenty five thousand pesos (₱1,125,000.00) to cover all the operations of the Cordillera Regional Assembly, which sum shall be allocated as follows for each and every member of the Cordillera Regional Assembly: per diem of five hundred pesos (₱500.00) per day for five days; honorarium of one thousand pesos (₱1,000.00) and actual travelling expenses not to exceed one thousand pesos (₱1,000.00).

SECTION 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 12th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1988). *[Executive Order Nos.: 171 - 390]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 331
PROVIDING FOR THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONVENING OF THE CORDILLERA REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION, FIXING THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6658 "An Act Creating the Cordillera Regional Consultative Commission, Prescribing its Powers, Functions and Duties, Providing Funds Therefor, and For Other Purposes", provides that the President shall designate the person who shall take charge of all arrangements for the convening of the said Regional Consultative Commission;

WHEREAS, the same law states that the Commission shall be convened by authority of the President within fifteen (15) days after the approval of the Act in the City of Baguio at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, or on such other date or place as may be fixed by the President;

WHEREAS, the law further provides that the President or her duly authorized representative shall preside at its opening session until a presiding officer is elected by the Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers conferred upon me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Presidential Management Staff, Office of the President, is designated to take charge of all arrangements for the convening of the Cordillera Regional Consultative Commission.

SECTION 2. Undersecretary Ramon K. Katigbak of the Department of Finance is duly authorized to be the representative of the President to convene the Commission and to preside at its opening session until a presiding officer is elected by the Commission.

SECTION 3. The opening session of the Commission shall be held in the City of Baguio on July 23, 1988 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

SECTION 4. The Secretary of Budget and Management is directed to release to the Cordillera Regional Consultative Commission, as soon as it convenes, such funds as are necessary for its operations.

SECTION 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 20th day of July, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1988). *[Executive Order Nos.: 171 - 390]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 332
RECONSTITUTING THE TASK FORCE ON INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ASSISTANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government, acting on the request for cooperation by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in the temporary lodging of refugees prior to their final resettlement in other countries, has created a Task Force on International Refugee Assistance and Administration (TFIRAA) pursuant to Executive Order No. 554 dated August 21, 1979;

WHEREAS, there is a need to reconstitute the composition of the Task Force on International Refugee Assistance and Administration (TFIRAA) and to introduce changes in the structure and functions thereof to give proper directions concerning international refugee assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Task Force on International Refugee Assistance and Administration is hereby reconstituted and shall be composed of representatives from the following:

Department of Foreign Affairs	-	Chairman
Office of the President	-	Vice-Chairman
Department of Justice	-	Member
Department of National Defense	-	Member
Department of Social Welfare and Development	-	Member

The Task Force on International Refugee Assistance and Administration shall be under the Department of Foreign Affairs.

SECTION 2. The Task Force shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

a. To coordinate and cooperate with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees efforts and activities relative to refugee assistance.
b. To formulate guidelines for a more efficient refugee assistance regarding the operation and management of all established refugee camps/centers in the Philippines and the disposition of funds and other assistance received from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and other international refugee-assistance institutions.
c. To assess, review and evaluate existing structures and policies of the government for the refugee assistance and management and make recommendations thereon to the President.
d. To call upon any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Philippine Government for such assistance as it may require in the performance of its duties and functions.
e. To submit reports to the President and to the United Nations, through the President, on its activities, including the disposition of funds and other assistance received from the United Nations and other international refugee-assistance institutions.

SECTION 3. The Task Force shall be assisted by a Secretariat to be headed by the Philippine Refugee Processing Center Administrator. The Philippine Refugee Processing Center Administrator may designate members of the Secretariat from among the member-agencies of the Task Force.

SECTION 4. The Philippine Refugee Processing Center shall continue to discharge its mandated functions per agreement between the Philippine Government and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. The Administrator of the Philippine Refugee Processing Center, who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines, shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

a. Manage the day to day operation of such refugee camps/center in the Philippines as may be placed under his administration by the Task Force.
b. Implement all guidelines promulgated by the Task Force regarding the operation and management of all established refugee camps/centers in the Philippines.
c. Receive, administer and utilize funds, equipments and other forms of assistance provided by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, other international refugee assistance institutions, foreign governments and other sources.
d. Submit to the Task Force quarterly reports of all its activities received from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and other international refugee-assistance institutions.
e. Hire and maintain such working groups, staffs or personnel as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Task Force on International Refugee Assistance and Administration (TFIRAA).

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. The Western Command of the Armed Forces of the Republic of the Philippines (WESCOM) shall continue to discharge its mandated functions per agreement between the Western Command of the Armed Forces of the Republic of the Philippines and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Executive Order No. 554 dated August 21, 1979 is hereby repealed. All other orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 12th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 333
REVOKING LETTERS OF INSTRUCTIONS NOS. 151 AND 151-A

WHEREAS, Letter of Instructions Nos. 151 and 151-A dated December 7 and 12, 1973, respectively, directed the Chairman and the President of the Philippine National Bank, the Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board and the Administrator of the Civil Aeronautics Administration (now Air Transportation Office) to undertake certain measures under the guidelines set forth therein for the implementation of the decision of the Administration then in place of having one Philippine air carrier in both international and domestic operations;

WHEREAS, in Opinion No. 59 dated April 4, 1988, the Secretary of Justice held the LOIs 151 and 151-A are mere presidential directives to the aforesaid government officials directing or authorizing the doing of the things specified therein or laying down guidelines for the effective implementation of the laws and, therefore, cannot and did not amend or repeal paragraph (e) of Section 4 ("Declaration of Policies") of Republic Act No. 776, directing the Civil Aeronautics Board, in the exercise and performance of its powers and duties thereunder, to consider, "as being in the public interest and in accordance with public convenience and necessity", among other things, "competition between air carriers to the extent necessary to assure the sound development of an air transportation system properly adopted to the need of foreign and domestic commerce of the Philippines, of the Postal Service, and of the National Defense"; and

WHEREAS, the present Administration adheres to the policy of allowing a healthy and regulated competition among airlines in the country in order to achieve the objectives of Section 4(e) of RA 776 in respect to the development of international and domestic scheduled air transportation systems; hence, the necessity of revoking LOIs Nos. 151 and 151-A.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby revoke and terminate the effectivity of Letters of Instructions Nos. 151 and 151-A dated December 7 and 12, 1973, respectively, without however affecting the continued validity and efficacy of the actions or steps taken by the Philippine National Bank, such as foreclosure of mortgages, etc., in taking over the assets and properties of the Filipinas Orient Airways and Air Manila, Incorporated on account of their unpaid loans/debts, and of the transfer of their operational control to the Philippine Air Lines, Inc.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 16th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1988). *[Executive Order Nos.: 171 - 390]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 334
INSTITUTING THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE

I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the Presidential Awards For Outstanding Public Service, known as the:

a. Lingkod Bayan Award, and
b. Silangan Award,

to be awarded to individuals or groups of individuals in the government service who have rendered outstanding public service.

The Silangan Award shall be conferred on an individual or group of individuals who are thirty (30) years of age or below.

Government employees who have consistently displayed outstanding qualities that inspire other employees to improve the quality of work performance and stimulate deeper involvement in government affairs shall be considered for the Presidential Awards For Outstanding Public Service.

The Presidential Awards For Outstanding Public Service may, by authority of the President, also be conferred by the Executive Secretary or by the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission.

The Presidential Awards For Outstanding Public Service shall be in the form of gold medallion and plaque containing the citation and signature of the President.

The Civil Service Commission shall promulgate such rules and regulations concerning the awards and prescribe, in coordination with the National Historical Institute, the design and specifications of the plaque and medallion, the manner of wearing the medallion and other details pertinent thereto, which rules and regulations shall be approved by the President.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this **18th** day of **August**, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1988). *[Executive Order Nos.: 171 - 390]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 335
ENJOINING ALL DEPARTMENTS/BUREAUS/OFFICES/AGENCIES/INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE SUCH STEPS AS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF USING FILIPINO LANGUAGE IN OFFICIAL TRANSACTIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution provides that the "national language of the Philippines is Filipino"; that "as it evolves, it shall be further developed and enriched on the basis of existing Philippine and other languages"; and that for "purposes of communication and instruction, the official languages of the Philippines are Filipino and, until otherwise provided by law, English"; and

WHEREAS, the intensified use of Filipino language in official transactions, communications and correspondence in government offices will hasten greater understanding and appreciation among the people of government programs, projects and activities throughout the country, thereby serving as an instrument of unity and peace for national progress.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do thereby enjoin all departments/bureaus/offices/agencies/instrumentalities of the government to undertake the following:

1. Take steps to enhance the use of Filipino in all official communications, transactions and correspondence in their respective offices, whether national or local;
2. Assign one or more personnel, as may be necessary, in every office to take charge of all communications and correspondence written in Filipino;
3. Translate into Filipino names of offices, buildings, public offices, and signboards of all offices, divisions or its instrumentalities, and if so desired, imprint below in smaller letters the English text;
4. Filipinize the "Oath of Office" for government officials and personnel;
5. Make as part of the training programs for personnel development in each office the proficiency in the use of Filipino in official communications and correspondence.

To implement such objectives, the Institute of Philippine Languages is hereby ordered to formulate and implement programs and projects, which include: 1) information campaign on the importance and necessity of Filipino as an effective instrument for national unity and progress; 2) translation into Filipino of this Executive Order, as well as government terms to be utilized as reference materials for all offices; 3) training of all government officials and personnel in the use of Filipino; 4) monitoring of the implementation of this Order and submitting periodic progress report of implementation to the Office of the President of the Philippines thru the Department of Education, Culture and Sports; and 5) taking into account other strategies for the full implementation of the objectives of this Order.

In consonance therewith, the Institute of Philippine Languages is hereby authorized to coordinate with and request support from all departments/bureaus/offices/agencies/instrumentalities of the government, national and local.

This Executive Order supersedes Executive Order No. 187 dated August 6, 1969.

DONE in the City of Manila, this **25th** day of **August,** in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 336
ESTABLISHING LABOR-BASED UNITS IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the government to adopt labor-based methods in infrastructure projects to alleviate unemployment and underemployment, promote self-reliance, and conserve foreign exchange through reduced importation of construction equipment and fuel;

WHEREAS, to effectively and efficiently undertake infrastructure projects on a nationwide scale using labor-based methods, there is a need to improve existing systems and procedures and strengthen the institutional capabilities of government infrastructure agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Establishment of Labor-Based Units (LBUs).

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the Department of Local Government (DLG), the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), and the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) are hereby directed to establish, within six (6) months from the date of this Order, labor-based units (LBUs) in their respective agencies.

1.1 Structure and Composition

1.1.1 The LBUs shall be established at the policy (central) and operational (regional/field) levels to be manned by experienced staff trained in labor-based methods.

1.1.2 The head of the LBUs at both policy and operational levels shall be at least a third ranking career official of the agency. He shall be assisted by a competent staff of well-trained, experienced personnel.

1.1.3 The sizes of the LBUs at the different levels shall be determined by the respective department/agency heads within thirty (30) days, and the LBUs shall be installed, manned and made fully operational after six (6) months from the date of this Order.

1.1.4 The establishment of the LBUs should not result in an increase in personnel services or in the maintenance expenses of the concerned agencies. The personnel to be assigned in the LBUs shall be drawn from the existing units of the agency, through a system of screening, selection and training which shall be immediately instituted for this purpose.

1.1.5 The DPWH, the DLG, the DOTC, and the NIA, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), shall make the necessary realignment of their operating budgets, if needed, to formalize the establishment of the LBUs.

SECTION 2. Agency Programs

2.1 The DPWH, the DLG, the DOTC, and the NIA shall include in their annual programs, starting CY 1989, provisions for the nationwide use of labor-based methods, particularly small, rural-based projects, and shall allocate specific sums for these projects. Thereafter, the use of labor-based methods on a nationwide scale shall be a regular component of agency annual programs.

2.2 For 1988, the DPWH, the DLG through the concerned Local Government Units (LGUs), the DOTC, and the NIA shall identify suitable labor-based methods of construction or maintenance.

2.3 The heads of the DPWH, the DLG, the DOTC, and the NIA, shall, jointly or individually as may be warranted, issue the appropriate guidelines for the programming of labor-based projects.

SECTION 3. Encouragement of the Private Sector

3.1 The DPWH, the DLG, the DOTC, and the NIA, coordinated by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), shall undertake a review of existing systems and procedures for licensing, bidding, bid evaluation, contract award and related aspects to determine their applicability to labor-based methods, and to formulate improved and/or new systems and procedures with a view to providing sufficient incentives to small contractors to more actively participate in the labor-based programs of the government.

3.2 Within six (6) months after the establishment of the LBUs, the DPWH, the DLG through the concerned LGUs, the DOTC, and the NIA shall start the implementation by contract of at least one (1) project in each of the regions covered under their respective programs, using labor-based methods to demonstrate the feasibility and profitability of undertaking labor-based projects through contract.

3.3 The DPWH, the DLG, the DOTC, and the NIA shall assist small contractors in organizing labor-based operations and in the training of their personnel.

SECTION 4. Assistance from Other Agencies

The following agencies are hereby directed to provide needed support to ensure the successful implementation of this Order:

4.1 The DBM shall facilitate the release of funds intended for labor-based projects and/or programs within the approved agency allocations.

4.2 The NEDA, as well as the Regional Development Councils, shall assist in the monitoring and promotion of labor-based programs and projects nationwide.

4.3 The Department of Labor and Employment shall assist in the recruitment and training of laborers for employment in labor-based projects.

4.4 All other agencies and instrumentalities of the government shall provide the necessary support and assistance that may be required of them in the implementation of this Order.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause

All orders, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Effectivity

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 13th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1988). *[Executive Order Nos.: 171 - 390]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 337
PRESCRIBING REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DISCHARGE OR SEPARATION BY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION OF OFFICERS OF THE REGULAR FORCE AND RESERVE OFFICERS ON EXTENDED TOUR OF ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES

Pursuant to the authority conferred upon me by the Constitution and existing laws, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby prescribe the following rules and regulations governing the discharge or separation by administrative action of officers of the Regular Force and Reserve Officers on extended tour of active duty for six months or more in the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

I. DISCHARGE OR SEPARATION FROM THE SERVICE

1. Officers of the Regular Force and Reserve Officers; serving on extended tour of active duty for six months or more in the Armed Forces of the Philippines shall be administratively discharged or separated from the service only upon the approval of the President. Unless otherwise specifically provided by law, such discharge or separation shall be in accordance with the regulations and procedures set forth in this Order and in implementing regulations not inconsistent therewith.

2. a. When an officer of the Regular Force or a Reserve Officer on extended tour of active duty for six months or more commits any act of misconduct of such nature and gravity as to warrant his discharge or separation from the service, his name and record shall be referred by the Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines or by the Commander of the Major Service to which he belongs, to the appropriate Efficiency and Separation Board, as hereinafter provided, for the determination of his suitability or fitness for retention in the service.

b. The Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines, and the Major Service Commanders shall from time to time, or as the need arises, cause the review of the personal records and efficiency of officers under their command and refer to the appropriate Efficiency and Separation Board the names and records of those officers who failed to demonstrate satisfactory qualifications and efficiency as an officer.

c. When an officer's elimination is made mandatory by operation of the provisions of Republic Act No. 291, as amended, or other pertinent law, his name and record shall be referred forthwith to the appropriate Efficiency and Separation Board, It shall be the sole function of the Board in such case to determine whether the officer's separation is due to his misconduct, willful failure to perform his duties, the intemperate use of drugs or alcoholic liquor, or vicious or immoral habits.

3. Any officer discharged or separated from the service for reasons other than hi s own misconduct, willful failure to perform his duties, the intemperate use of drugs or alcoholic liquor, or vicious or immoral habits, shad I be entitled to such gratuity, pension, separation pay, or retirement benefits as may be authorized by law.

II. EFFICIENCY AND SEPARATION BOARDS

4. a An Efficiency and Separation Board shall be and is Hereby established for the General Headquarters Armed Forces of the Philippines, and for each of the Major Services of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. The members of the several Boards shall be appointed, upon recommendation of the Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines, by the Secretary of National Defense, who shall design site the Chairman thereof.

b. An Efficiency and. Separation Board shall be composed of not less than five nor more than seven officers, one of whom is a member of the Judge Advocate General's Service, and who shall be appointed from among officers assigned to the command to which the Board pertains. As far as practicable, the members shall be senior in permanent grade to any officer being considered permanent grade of Colonel or Captain in the Navy.

c. The members of each Efficiency and Separation I serve for a term of two years unless sooner relieved by the Secretary of National Defense. Before entering upon the discharge of their duties, the members shall take their oath of office.

d. No member shall serve in the Efficiency and Separation Board for more than two consecutive terms. Only officers with sufficient competence, prudence, impartiality and judicial temperament shall be appointed as members of the Board.

e. The Chief of Staff, the Vice Chief of Staff, the Deputy Chief of Staff, and the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Armed Forces of the Philippines; and the Commander, Deputy or Vice Commander, Chief of Staff and Assistant Chief of Staff for Personnel of any Major Service shall not be eligible for appointment as a member of Efficiency and Separation Board.

5. a. The Commander of the command to which the Efficiency and Separation Board pertains shall designate an officer of suitable rank to serve, without vote, as Secretary for the Board. The Secretary shall have the power to issue subpoena and subpoena duces tecum, when directed by the Chairman of the Board, in connection with cases pending before said Board.

b. The Commander of the command to which the Efficiency and Separation Board pertains shall designate a Prosecuting Officer to prosecute cases before the Board, present evidence of alleged misconduct and/or inefficiency against the respondent officer, and refute his defense. The commander shall also designate a Military Defenses Counsel to assist the respondent officer.

c. The Commander of the command to which the Efficiency and Separation Board pertains shall also provide e such office supplies, logistical support, clerical assistance and office space as may be required by the Board.

6. Each Efficiency and Separation Board shall have a jurisdiction to pass upon the discharge or separation of officers assigned to the Major Service to which the Board pertains. All general and flag officers, irrespective of their assignments and officers assigned to the General Headquarters, Armed Forces of the Philippines, and units directly under it shall fall under the jurisdiction of the Efficiency and Separation Board for the said General Headquarters.

7. a. The Board shall act with utmost dispatch in each case, To promote expeditious action in every case referred to it, the Board shall adopt such summary proceedings as are consistent with the minimum requirements of administrative due process, avoiding technicalities tending to unreasonably delay the disposition of cases; Provided that in all hearings and deliberations, the member belonging to the Judge Advocate General's Service must be present.

b. The proceedings and decisions of the Board shall be confidential, A majority of all the members shall constitute a quorum, All decisions should be reached by a majority vote of the members present.

8. In determining an officer's suitability or fitness to remain in the service, the Efficiency and Separation Board shall weigh his proficiency, experience, accomplishment, attitude, ability, and his character and general value to the service. Due weight shall be given to such findings and recommendations of a Selection Board, pursuant to Republic Act No. 291, as amended, as may have a bearing on the officer's fitness for retention in the service. No weight shall be attached to any political, social financial, or any other factor not military in nature.

9. Any officer under consideration for discharge or separation pursuant to this Order shall be notified of such fact. He shall be permitted counsel of his own choice. He shall have the right to appear before the Board personally or through counsel and to present any fact, argument or witness in his behalf or any matter pertinent to his case. He shall be informed of all the evidence, charges, and reports against him shall be given full opportunity to refute the same.

10. The Board shall recommend specifically in each case that the officer be retained or that he be separated from the active service, subject to the limitation in paragraph 2c of this Order. It shall submit a complete report of the case and the record of investigation to the commander to which it pertains. If retention is recommended and concurred in by the Commander to which the board pertains, the case shall be considered closed and the officer shall be notified thereof in writing.

11. a. The following recommendations of the Board shall be forwarded to the President thru the Secretary of National Defense for final decision.

(1) Separation from the service concurred in by the Commander of the command to which the board pertains.
(2) Retention/Separation not concurred in by the Commander of the command to which the board pertains.

b. The Commander to which the board pertains may remand a case to the Efficiency and Separation Board of origin for such further action or proceedings as, in his opinion, is necessary for a full, fair and impartial investigation.

c. In all cases, the investigation report shall specify the particular provisions of paragraph 2 of this Order under which the board took cognizance of the case; whether the recommendation for separation is based on the officer's own misconduct, willful failure to perform his vicious or immoral habits; and such other matters as the Board may deem pertinent.

d. If the Efficiency and Separation Board determines that an officer's separation is not due the foregoing causes, and he is eligible for retirement, the Board shall recommend his retirement under the applicable provisions of the AFP Retirement Law (P.D. No. 1638, as amended).

III. MISCELLANEOUS

12. The Secretary of National Defense shall promulgate from time to time such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the foregoing provisions, as may be necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Order.

13. Executive Order No, 475, s-76, is hereby rescinded. All cases pending before the AFP Efficiency and Separation Board established under Executive Order No, 475, with the exception of those where proceedings have actually been commenced with presentation of substantial evidence shall be transferred to the appropriate major service command Efficiency and Separation Board for the appropriate proceedings.

Done in the City of Manila, this **13th** day of **September**, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 338
CREATING THE ENERGY COORDINATING COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Section 14 of Executive Order No. 193 (Reorganization of the Office of the Energy Affairs) provides that: "The Energy Office shall coordinate with the Philippine National Oil Company, National Power Corporation and National Electrification Administration in the exercise of its functions particularly as these pertain to the formulation of energy sector policies, plans and programs";

WHEREAS, for a more effective management of these resources, national energy plans, policies and programs should be developed and implemented in an integrated and coordinated fashion requiring consultations and coordination with major government energy agencies;

WHEREAS, to strengthen and institutionalize this mechanism and to provide a central focus for decision-making, a coordination machinery has to be set up.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation of the ENERGY COORDINATING COUNCIL. – There is hereby created an Energy Coordinating Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council, under the Office of the President.

SEC. 2. Composition of the Council. – The Council shall be composed of the Executive Secretary, Office of the President, as Chairman, and the following as members:

1. Executive Director, Office of Energy Affairs
2. President, Philippine National Oil Company
3. President, National Power Corporation
4. Administrator, National Electrification Administration

SEC. 3. Powers and Functions of the Council. – The Council shall have the following powers and functions:

1. Review and formally ratify the energy plan, including the power expansion program of government agencies and corporations.
2. Make appropriate representations to the Investment Coordinating Committee or the government agency responsible for investment fund appropriations to ensure that energy sector investments are consistent with the approved energy plan.
3. Analyze, coordinate and, with the approval of the President, initiate major energy and power development projects requiring the utilization of funds available to the government.
4. Coordinate the implementation of approved projects to assist in their timely completion.
5. As the need arises, such as when there is a foreseen energy or power shortage, determine and recommend to the President the appropriate course of action thereon.
6. Such other powers and functions as the President may direct.

SEC. 4. Responsibility of the Office of Energy Affairs. – Consistent with its mandate under Executive Order No. 193, dated June 10, 1987, as the agency responsible for the formulation, planning, monitoring, implementation and coordination of policies and programs in the field of energy, the Office of Energy Affairs shall:

1. Prepare proposed plans in preliminary coordination with any agency involved before submission thereof to the Council.
2. Provide technical advice and support to the Council in the performance of its task.
3. Submit the plans, as approved/ratified by the Council, to the National Economic and Development Authority and see to it that said plans are included in the national economic and development plan.

SEC. 5. Assistance from Public and Private Sectors. – Whenever necessary, the Council may call on any public or private agency for assistance in the performance of its task. It may likewise create committees which may include private sector participation.

SEC. 6. Effectivity. – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 30th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 339
DIRECTING DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES, UNDERSECRETARIES, ASSISTANT SECRETARIES, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF EQUIVALENT RANK IN THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT TO LIMIT THEIR OFFICIAL TRAVELS ABROAD TO THOSE WHICH ARE URGENT AND NECESSARY.

WHEREAS, department secretaries, undersecretaries, assistant secretaries and other officials of equivalent rank in the Executive Department should be on hand to efficiently and effectively manage their respective offices and be available to respond immediately and decisively to matters that require their attention;

WHEREAS, it has been the policy of the Government to observe restraint in the utilization of its resources, and expenditure for official travel abroad is one item of expense that can take further restraint;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby direct all department secretaries, undersecretaries, assistant secretaries and other officials of equivalent rank in the Executive Department, to limit their travels abroad to those that are urgent and absolutely necessary, as provided under Executive Order No. 559, dated September 12, 1979.

Proposed official travel abroad of the officials concerned shall be submitted to the Office of the President for decision at least ten (10) days before the scheduled departure.

Invitations from foreign governments or international agencies/organizations shall first be forwarded to the Office of the President for evaluation prior to being accepted.

All executive orders and similar issuances that are in conflict or inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 3rd day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 340
LIFTING THE SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT OF ALL TAXES, DUTIES, FEES, IMPOSTS A ND OTHER CHARGES, WHETHER DIRECT OR INDIRECT, DUE AND PAYABLE BY COPPER MINING COMPANIES TO THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS UNDER LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 1416, DATED JULY 17, 1984

WHEREAS, Letter of Instructions (LOI) No. 1416, ordered and directed the suspension of payment of all taxes, duties, fees, imposts and other charges, whether direct or indirect, due and payable to the National and Local Governments by distressed copper mining companies;

WHEREAS, the immediate lifting of the suspension privilege of the copper mines under LOI No. 1416 is warranted considering that the present world market for copper has taken a sharp upturn;

WHEREAS, LOI No. 1416 provides that the repayment of suspended tax obligations shall be scheduled according to the individual capacity of each copper mining company; and

WHEREAS, a flexible and staggered system of repayment has been worked out and recommended by the appropriate bodies taking into consideration the financial capabilities of said mining companies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the lifting of the suspension of payment of all taxes, duties, fees, imposts and other charges, whether direct or indirect, due and payable by copper mining companies to the National and Local Governments under LOI No. 1416, dated July 17, 1984, and direct:

1. Immediate payment of all obligations incurred from May 1, 1988 which are eligible for suspension under LOI No. 1416;
2. Payment of all obligations suspended by LOI No. 1416 and incurred from January 1, 1988 to April 30, 1988, in equal monthly installments up to December 31, 1988;
3. Payment of all obligations suspended by LOI No. 1416 and incurred from October 31, 1987 to December 31, 1987, in equal monthly installments up to June 30, 1989;
4. Payment of all obligations incurred before October 31, 1987 and suspended by LOI No. 1416 subject to a schedule of payment to be submitted by the copper mining companies concerned within fifteen (15) days hereof and which schedule shall be approved by the Secretary of Finance upon the recommendation by the Secretary of Trade and Industry, taking into account the individual paying capacity of each mining company.

An Inter-Agency Committee composed of the representatives of the Departments of Trade and Industry (Chairman), Finance, Environment and Natural Resources and the National Tax Research Center shall, in consultation with the copper mining companies, work out a system of assistance/relief measures taking into account the prevailing needs and problems thereof.

All orders, rules and regulations in conflict or inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby modified or repealed accordingly.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 14th day of October in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 341
PROVIDING GUIDELINES ON SECTION 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6679,
"AN ACT TO AMEND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6653 TO POSTPONE THE BARANGAY ELECTIONS TO MARCH 28, 1989, PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL RULES GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF BARANGAY ELECTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. All incumbent barangay officials, whether elected, appointed or designated, shall remain in office unless sooner removed or suspended for cause and with due process by order of the city or municipal mayor concerned until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

Any barangay official who has been removed from office from January 1, 1988 to the date of the approval of Republic Act No. 6679 may, within fifteen (15) days after the effectivity of said Act, file a petition for review with the Office of the President which shall be decided within fifteen (15) days from receipt thereof: Provided, That upon the effectivity of said Act, the power of removal or suspension for cause of barangay officials and filling up of vacancies in the various elective offices of the barangay shall be exercised by the city or municipal mayor concerned, subject to appeal to the President: Provided, further, That pending appeal, the order of removal or suspension shall not be executory.

SEC. 2. The phrase "for cause" shall mean those causes for the suspension or removal of an elective local official under Section 60 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 337, as amended, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code", viz:

1. Disloyalty to the Republic of the Philippines;
2. Culpable violation of the Constitution;
3. Dishonesty, oppression, misconduct in office and neglect of duty;
4. Commission of any offense involving moral turpitude;
5. Abuse of authority; and
6. Unauthorized absence for three consecutive months.

The removal and/or suspension shall be effected only after due hearing and investigation in accordance with the procedure prescribed in said BP Blg. 337, as amended, and Republic Act No. 6679.

Removals or suspensions in willful disregard or violation of these requirements of cause and due process shall be dealt with in accordance to law as acts consisting abuse of authority.

SEC. 3. The provisions of Administrative Order No. 18 dated February 12, 1987, entitled "Prescribing Rules and Regulations Governing Appeals to the Office of the President of the Philippines" shall, to the extent applicable, govern the petition for review and/or appeal to the President provided for in this Order.

SEC. 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 8th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 342
DELEGATING TO THE SECRETARY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT THE POWER TO APPOINT CERTAIN LOCAL OFFICIALS UNDER SECTIONS 42(4), 48(3), 49(2), 146(1) AND (2), 173(1) AND (5), AND 205(2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, AS AMENDED.

I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws, do hereby delegate the power of the President to appoint certain local officials under Section 42(4), 48(3), 49(2), 146(1) and (2), 173(1) and (5), and 205(2) of the Local Government Code, as amended, to the Secretary of Local Government, who shall sign, "By authority of the President."

Memorandum Order No. 188, dated August 16, 1988, is hereby revoked. All other orders, rules, and regulations in conflict or inconsistent herewith are hereby modified or revoked accordingly.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 28th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 343
RECONSTITUTING THE COMMISSION ON EXPORT PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, a competitive export industry requires the acceleration of agricultural development, a sound and efficient fiscal/tax policies, and an efficient/viable/dependable transportation and communications network;

WHEREAS, the direct participation of the Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Finance (DOF), and Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) in the development and growth of the country's export trade industry are vital; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of the DA, DOF, and DOTC in the composition of the Commission on Export Procedures created under Executive Order No. 843, series of 1982, to study, review, revise, amend, introduce innovations, simplify, and consolidate rules and regulations to expedite the exportation of products will facilitate the carrying out of the Commission's mandate.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Finance, and the Secretary of Transportation and Communications are hereby included in the membership of the Commission on Export Procedures.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of Trade and Industry shall remain as Chairman of the Commission.

SECTION 3. All rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 19th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 344
INCREASING THE BENEFITS FOR MEDICAL/DENTAL PRACTITIONERS' FEES PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL CARE PLAN

WHEREAS, actuarial studies show that without increasing contributions, current benefits under the Philippine Medical Care Plan, otherwise known as the Medicare Program, can be increased for certain items only for the two sectors of beneficiaries covered;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The benefits for Medical/Dental Practitioners' Fees provided for under the Philippine Medical Care Plan to medicare beneficiaries covered by the Social Security System and Government Service Insurance System is hereby increased from ₱15.00 per day to ₱20.00 per day but not to exceed the rate provided for in Executive Order No. 106, "Restructuring The Medical Care Benefits Under the Philippine Medical Care Plan".

SECTION 2. This Executive Order No. 106 dated November 24, 1986 is hereby amended accordingly.

SECTION 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 13th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 345

MODIFYING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES AS PROVIDED UNDER THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, AS AMENDED, IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE DECISIONS OF THE THIRD ASEAN SUMMIT AND THE TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND TOURISM (COTT) TO PROVIDE A MINIMUM LEVEL OF 25% MARGIN OF PREFERENCE TO CERTAIN ITEMS WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE PHILIPPINE EXCLUSION LIST AND TO DEEPEN THE MARGIN OF PREFERENCE IN RESPECT OF CERTAIN ITEMS WHICH ARE UNDER THE ASEAN PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS (PTA) TO 50% WITHIN FIVE YEARS.

Pursuant to the powers vested in me under Section 402 of the Tariff and Custom Code of 1978, as amended, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed in Annex "A" hereof as classified under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, shall be accorded a minimum level of 25% Margin of Preference (MOP) as items being introduced into the ASEAN PTA from the Philippine Exclusion List. In effect such articles shall be subject to the Preferential Tariff for ASEAN in accordance with the schedule indicated in Column 5 of said Annex "A". Items listed in Annex "B" hereof as classified under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, shall be accorded additional Margin of Preference as specified in Columns 6, 8, 10, 12, and 14 of Annex "B". These concessions were agreed upon during the Third ASEAN Summit and the Twenty-fourth Meeting of the Committee on Trade and Tourism. In effect, such articles shall be subject to the Preferential Tariff for ASEAN in accordance with the schedule indicated in Columns 5, 7, 9, 11, and 13 of Annex "B".

SECTION 2. In the event that any subsequent changes are made in the basic Philippine rate of duty on any of the abovementioned articles, such articles shall automatically be accorded the corresponding margin of preference.

SECTION 3. After the date of effectivity of this Executive Order, all the above-described articles entered or withdrawn from warehouses in the Philippines for consumption shall be subject to the rate of import duty herein prescribed subject to qualification under the Rules of Origin as specified in the Agreement on ASEAN Preferential Trading Arrangements ratified on August 1, 1977.

SECTION 4. This Executive Order shall take effect as of January 1, 1989.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 346
INCREASING THE RATE OF DAILY SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE OF CERTAIN POSITIONS IN THE GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, Section 76 of Presidential Decree No. 1177 states, that:

Subsistence. - No official or employee of the national government shall be given subsistence, the cost of which is payable from any fund, except the following and only when an appropriation therefor is specifically provided:

a. Marine officers, engineers and crew of government vessels, launches, and motorboats, who shall take their meals on the mess when aboard the said vessels, launches, or motorboats;

b. Lightkeepers and other employees in light stations duly authorized by the head of the department to receive subsistence, who shall be furnished raw, canned, or preserved food supplies;

c. Officials and employees who are required to render service within the premises of hospitals, penal institutions, leper institutions, military installations, and other similar institutions, for a continuous period that includes meal time, may be allowed full subsistence when required to live in said premises to make their services available at any and all times;

d. Laborers temporarily fielded to isolated or unsettled district shall be furnished the usual rations or the equivalent in cash, at the expense of the government.

In hospitals and leper institutions where there are no mess halls or whenever these are inadequate, personnel entitled to subsistence allowance in kind may commute such subsistence upon request of the personnel concerned subject to the approval by the department head at authorized rates chargeable against the appropriation for supplies and materials authorized in the General Appropriations Act.

WHEREAS, due to the increase in the prices of commodities the present rate of subsistence allowance of these officials and employees is no longer adequate to meet the cost of their food requirements;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 257, "Increasing The Subsistence Allowance of Officers and Enlisted Personnel of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Including Draftees, Trainees and Probationary Second Lieutenants/Ensigns Undergoing Military Training, CMT Cadets On Summer Camp Training and Reserve Officers and Enlisted Reservists Undergoing Training Or Assembly/ Mobilization Test and Uniformed Members of the Integrated National Police", provides for an increase in subsistence allowance from ₱12.00 to ₱18.00 per day;

WHEREAS, there is a need to rationalize and standardize the rate of subsistence allowance of the said officials and employees;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of Presidential Decree No. 1597 provides that allowances, honoraria and other fringe benefits which may be granted to government employees shall be subject to the approval of the President upon recommendation of the Secretary (Commissioner) of the Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The rate of subsistence allowance for the officials and employees enumerated in Section 76 of Presidential Decree No. 1177 is hereby increased to ₱18.00 per day or ₱6.00 per meal.

SECTION 2. This Order shall take effect not earlier than CY 1989 depending on the availability of funds for the purpose or savings from the 1989 appropriation of each agency concerned.

SECTION 3. The necessary guidelines to implement this Order shall be issued by the Department of Budget and Management.

Done in the City of Manila, this 2nd day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1989). *[Executive Order Nos.: 171 - 390]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 347
FURTHER AMENDING SECTION 2(A-I) OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 308, AS AMENDED, "PROVIDING FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS"

WHEREAS, to give local government units greater participation in the deliberations of the Regional Development Councils to make it more effective, there is a need to expand its membership;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 2(a-i) of Executive Order No. 308, as amended, providing for the reorganization of the Regional Development Councils is hereby further amended to read as follows:

> "(i) All provincial Governors and Mayors of chartered cities; Mayors of municipalities designated as Provincial Capitals of the provinces where there are no chartered cities; Presidents of the Provincial League of Mayors and Mayors of the regional center in each region;"

SECTION 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 2nd day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 348
APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE PHILIPPINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR WOMEN FOR 1989 TO 1992

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 14, of the 1987 Constitution provides that "The State recognizes the role of women in nation-building, and shall ensure the fundamental equality before the law of women and men;"

WHEREAS, the Philippine Development Plan for Women for 1989 to 1992 was formulated through the efforts of various government agencies and non-governmental organizations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby approve and adopt the "Philippine Development Plan for Women for 1989 to 1992," hereinafter referred to as the Plan, and order that:

1. All government departments, bureaus, offices, agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned or controlled corporations, are enjoined to take appropriate steps to ensure the full implementation of the programs and projects outlined in the Plan.

2. The National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW), in coordination with the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), shall monitor the implementation of the plan by various government agencies. It shall likewise monitor the plan's periodic assessment and updating and, for this purpose, the NCRFW may call upon the assistance of any department, bureau, office, agency, or instrumentality of the government, including government-owned or controlled corporations. Non-governmental organizations and private entities are urged to assist in the monitoring of the implementation, assessment and updating of the Plan.

3. An appropriate focal point for women's concerns or any other similar mechanism shall be constituted in each department, bureau, office, agency, or instrumentality of the government, including government-owned or controlled corporations, to ensure the implementation and monitoring of implementation, review and updating of programs and projects identified for each sector.

4. The NCRFW is hereby authorized, upon consultation with the President, to issue orders, circulars or guidelines as may be necessary in the implementation, coordination and monitoring of the Plan, as well as in its assessment and updating. For these purposes, the NCRFW may constitute the appropriate inter-agency committees.

5. The initial amount necessary to implement the Plan for Calendar Year 1989 shall be charged against the appropriate funds of the government agencies concerned and from any available lump sum fund under Republic Act No. 6688 as may be determined by the Department of Budget and Management. Appropriations for succeeding years shall be incorporated in the budget proposals for Congressional action.

6. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 17th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 349
AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES TO ACCEPT, APPROVE AND SIGN "BY AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT" THE APPLICATIONS FOR EARLY RETIREMENT OR VOLUNTARY SEPARATION OF DULY QUALIFIED PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS WHO WISH TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THE BENEFITS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6683

WHEREAS, Section 7 of Republic Act 6683 provides that the application for early retirement or voluntary separation of officials and employees who wish to avail themselves of the benefits under the said Act shall be accepted by the head of the government office or agency, and defines the "head of government office or agency" as referring to the Secretary in the case of bureaus, divisions and other bureaus and other offices under a department;

WHEREAS, the Joint Department of Budget and Management-Civil Service Commission Circular Letter No. 89-1, dated January 31, 1989, provides that: "[P]residential appointees, may, if qualified, avail (themselves) of the benefits under the Act, subject to acceptance of their applications by the President";

WHEREAS, it is for the benefit of the applicants for early retirement or voluntary separation who are presidential appointees that immediate action on their applications recommended for approval by the heads of the departments be made within the shortest time possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order:

1. The Department Secretaries are hereby authorized to accept, approve and accordingly sign, "By authority of the President," applications for early retirement or voluntary separation of duly qualified presidential appointees, in their respective departments, who wish to avail themselves of the benefits under Republic Act No. 6683 and whose applications are recommended for approval by the President.

Similar applications of duly qualified presidential appointees in government-owned or controlled corporations attached to or under their respective departments shall be acted upon by the Department Secretaries in the same manner.

2. Notices of final actions made on all the applications for early retirement or voluntary separation of duly qualified presidential appointees pursuant to the authority under this Executive Order shall be furnished to the Office of the President immediately.

3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 2nd day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 350
PROVIDING GUIDELINES IN THE PROCESSING OF AMNESTY MANIFESTATION FORMS OF REBEL RETURNEES

WHEREAS, the period within which to file application for amnesty in accordance with Proclamation No. 80, dated February 28, 1987, as amended by Proclamation No. 138, dated August 11, 1987, expired on February 29, 1988;

WHEREAS, reports from military authorities and field units of the Department of Social Welfare indicate that a great number of persons have voluntarily returned to the fold of the law after the February 29, 1988 deadline, and have manifested their desire to avail of the benefits of amnesty when the same becomes a reality under the Constitution;

WHEREAS, the grant of amnesty is a key feature of the National Reconciliation and Development Program constituted in Executive Order No. 103, dated December 24, 1986; and

WHEREAS, the return to the fold of the law of former rebels and persons disenchanted with authoritarian rule and to resume community life will be enhanced by keeping an accurate census of their numbers which will facilitate meaningful dialogue between them and government representatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws, do hereby prescribe the following guidelines governing the processing of manifestations of desire for amnesty pending the issuance of an amnesty proclamation that will become a law only upon concurrence of the Congress:

SECTION 1. Who may file the manifestations in favor of amnesty. - Any person who has returned of his own free will to the fold of the law after February 29, 1988 and has not been in the custody of, or charged by, or undergoing investigations by, the authorities of the government as of the date of this Executive Order, may express his desire for amnesty for any of the crimes or offenses enumerated in Section 2 hereof, which he may have committed in furtherance of his political belief and not from purely personal motives.

Sec 2. Crimes and offenses covered. - Only the following crimes and offenses are covered by the manifestation prescribed herein: treason; conspiracy or proposal to commit treason; misprision of treason; espionage; rebellion or insurrection; conspiracy and proposal to commit rebellion or insurrection; inciting to rebellion or insurrection; sedition; conspiracy to commit sedition; inciting to sedition; illegal assemblies; illegal associations; direct assaults; indirect assaults; resistance and disobedience to a person in authority or the agents of such person; subversion; and illegal possession of firearms and/or explosives.

Sec 3. Where manifestations may be filed. -

(a) Manifestations of desire for amnesty may be received by or filed with any military unit/office or with the Bayanihan Center (BC) organized in the province or city/municipality or with the Office of the Provincial Governor/City or Municipal Mayor (Provincial/City/Municipal Peace and Order Council).

(b) The military unit/BC/Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Peace and Order Council shall make available without cost the manifestation for amnesty (Annex 1) and pledge of allegiance (Annex 2) forms to the person desiring to sign the manifestation favoring amnesty and personally appearing within their respective jurisdiction. All ID pictures required to be affixed to the manifestation and pledge of allegiance forms shall also be without charge to the declarant.

(c) After initial processing, the military unit/BC/Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Peace and Order Council shall with dispatch forward the accomplished manifestation and pledge of allegiance forms and allied papers to the Provincial Commander (PC) concerned for record verification. After completion of the record verification, the PC shall without delay forward the manifestation and pledge of allegiance and all allied papers to the Reconciliation Processing Committee as organized in Section 4 thereof.

Sec 4. Reconciliation Processing Committee. - (a) There is hereby organized in each province and city a Reconciliation Processing Committee (RPC) to be composed of the following:

Provincial Governor/City Mayor	-	Chairman
The Provincial/City Fiscal	-	Member
The Provincial Commander (PC) concerned	-	Member
The representative of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) designated by the Provincial/City IBP Chapter	-	Member
The representative of the Provincial/City Peace and Order Council	-	Member

(b) The RPC shall meet as often as it may be necessary to consider the manifestations favoring amnesty forwarded to it by the PC, and shall without delay examine the facts and circumstances surrounding each case. It shall act on each within ten (10) working days from receipt thereof.

(c) The RPC shall without delay forward its findings and recommendation in each case to the Secretariat of the National Reconciliation and Development Council for appropriate action.

(d) In every case acted upon by the RPC, it shall deliver to the applicant a Certification (Annex 3) stating that the latter has expressed a desire for amnesty and pledged his allegiance to the Government and that it has been determined that the acts or offense(s) committed by him/her come or do not come within the purview of these guidelines or that he/she did not commit any crime or offense punishable by law, as the case may be.

Sec 5. Conditions for processing of manifestations. - Any person expressing the desire for amnesty shall pledge in person loyalty and allegiance to the Republic. He shall also turn in whatever firearm(s), weapons and/or explosives he/she may have in his/her possession.

Sec 6. Reports. - Copies of all certifications (and appropriate allied papers) issued by the RPC under Section 4(d) above shall be furnished the BC, Area Unified Command Commander concerned, the SND and the Secretariat, NRDC.

Sec 7. Secretariat. - The Provincial/City Peace and Order Council shall provide the Secretariat for the handling of all activities of the RPC.

Sec 8. Effectivity. - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 13th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 351
ASSIGNING ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS TO THE PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the Presidential Council for Youth Affairs was created pursuant to the policy enunciated in Article II, Section 13 of the 1987 Constitution that:

> The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civil affairs;

WHEREAS, the Office of the President is empowered to endorse and assign to the Presidential Council for Youth Affairs other functions, projects and programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Presidential Council for Youth Affairs is hereby directed to undertake the implementation and coordination of the undertakings of the Philippine Government in the following international youth programs:

1. The Ship for Southeast Asian Youth Program;
2. The ASEAN Youth Forum;
3. The Asian Youth Council;
4. The World Assembly of Youth; and
5. The International Youth Forum.

SEC. 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 15th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 352
PROVIDING IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES FOR THE PRESIDENT'S 1989 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM (PSYP) AND CREATING THE PRESIDENT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THAT PURPOSE

WHEREAS, the Constitution, in its Article II, Sec. 13, provides that:

> The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs;

WHEREAS, by virtue of Proclamation No. 387, dated March 17, 1989, the President declared the launching of the President's 1989 Summer Youth Program (PSYP);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation of the Steering Committee for the President's 1989 Summer Youth Program. - There is hereby created the Steering Committee for the President's 1989 Summer Youth Program (PSYP), hereinafter referred to as the Committee. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

a. Cabinet Secretary	Chairman
b. Secretary, Department of Education, Culture and Sports	Member
c. Secretary, Department of Labor and Employment	Member
d. Secretary, Department of Tourism	Member
e. Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development	Member
f. Secretary, Office of the Press Secretary	Member
g. Chairman, Civil Service Commission	Member
h. President, Employees Confederation of the Philippines	Member

In the event that the Chairman or the members of the Committee may not be able to attend the meetings of the Committee, they may be represented thereat by their duly authorized representatives.

SEC. 2. Functions and Responsibilities of the Committee. - The Committee shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

a) Oversee the implementation of the PSYP;
b) Review and evaluate the implementation of the various components of the PSYP;
c) Solicit and receive the support and contributions for the purposes of the PSYP;
d) Call upon any government department or agency for necessary assistance and support for the Program;

e) Prepare a regular report and assessment of the PSYP with recommendations to be submitted to the President, within the third quarter of the year;
f) Develop and recommend a comprehensive youth development policy, in coordination with the concerned agencies, based on the results of the PSYP; and
g) Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the President.

SEC. 3. Secretariat and Agency-Coordinator. - The Chief Executive Officer of the Presidential Council for Youth Affairs is hereby directed to provide a Secretariat for the Committee. The Secretariat shall provide technical and administrative support to the Committee, and perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Committee.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Presidential Council for Youth Affairs shall also act as the Agency-Coordinator for the PSYP.

SEC. 4. Funding. - The Department of Budget and Management is hereby directed to set aside from the Contingent Fund or from any appropriated lump-sum fund authorized in the CY 1989 General Appropriations Act the amount of P500,000.00 to cover the initial administrative and operational requirements of the Secretariat. Thereafter, the amount required for the continuance of the PSYP in the succeeding years as may be proclaimed by the President shall be included in the annual appropriations of the Presidential Council for Youth Affairs.

SEC. 5. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 17th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 353
REDUCING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON CEMENT AND CLINKER UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the improving political and economic climate in the country has resulted in a marked increase in domestic construction activity;

WHEREAS, the construction boom has triggered a sharp demand for construction materials, particularly cement which local production cannot adequately meet in the short run;

WHEREAS, the shortage can be remedied only by importation;

WHEREAS, the import duties on cement and clinker, an essential input therefor, have an impact on the prices of such commodities; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the availability of cement and to stabilize the price of this basic construction material, there is a need to reduce the import duties on these products.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 401 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The rates of import duty on cement and clinker under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code, as amended, are hereby modified as follows:

H.S. Hdg.	Description of Article	Rate of Duty (%)
25.23	Portland cement, aluminous cement ("ciment fondu"), slag cement, supersulphate cement and similar hydraulic cements, whether or not coloured or in the form of clinkers.	
2523.10 00	- - Cement clinkers:	
2523.10 10	- - - CEMENT CLINKER OTHER THAN FOR WHITE CEMENT	10% UNTIL DEC. 1991
2523.10 90	- - - CLINKER FOR WHITE CEMENT	20% 1 JAN. 1992
	- Portland Cement:	
2523.21 00	- - - x x x	
2523.29 00	- - Other	20% UNTIL DEC. 1991 30% 1 JAN. 1992
2523.30 00	- x x x	
2523.90 00	Other hydraulic cements	20% UNTIL DEC. 1991 30% 1 JAN. 1992

SECTION 2. Upon the effectivity of this Executive Order, the above articles which are entered or withdrawn from warehouses in the Philippines for consumption shall be subject to the rates of duty herein prescribed.

SECTION 3. All orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. This Executive Order shall take effect thirty (30) days after date hereof.

Done in the City of Manila, this 27th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 354
SUSPENDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN SECTIONS
OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 782, SERIES OF 1982

WHEREAS, consistent with the government's policy to promote a viable Commercial Vehicle Development Program (CVDP), the importation of certain types of completely built-up used commercial vehicles has been regulated under Executive Order No. 782, series of 1982;

WHEREAS, Section 5.3 of the Guidelines for the CVDP approved per Memorandum Order No. 157 prohibits the importation of completely built-up commercial vehicles up to eighteen (18) tons, whether new or used;

WHEREAS, local assemblers under the CVDP could not serve all the urgent requirements of the riding public for passenger buses and the tourists for tourist vehicles;

WHEREAS, the Diesel Engine Manufacturing Program is now suspended and there is a need to deregulate importation of diesel engines;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The provisions of Section 2, paragraphs 3 and 4 of Executive Order No. 782, series of 1982, are hereby suspended.

SEC. 2. In view of the suspension of the diesel engine program, the regulation of the importation of used diesel engine under Executive Order No. 782 is likewise suspended.

SEC. 3. The Inter-Agency Committee on the Importation of Used Trucks and Engines shall issue, upon consultation with passenger and tourist bus operators, the necessary guidelines for the implementation of this Executive Order as an exception to the CVDP Guidelines approved per Memorandum Order No. 157, series of 1988.

SEC. 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 29th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 355
DESIGNATING THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the role of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports in value formation must be harnessed in the pursuance of the policy declared in Executive Order No. 308, S. of 1987, "Providing For The Reorganization of the Regional Development Councils";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 2, paragraph a(ii) of Executive Order No. 308, S. of 1987, is hereby amended to read as follows:

> "(ii) The Regional Directors of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, and the agencies represented in the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Board: Provided, That each Department or Agency shall be represented by only one Regional Director thereof; and"

SECTION 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 8th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 356
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 526, S. OF 1979 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 526, S. of 1979, provides for the rationalization of government computer services;

WHEREAS, Information Technology is currently used to refer to computers, telecommunications, and office systems technologies;

WHEREAS, there is a need to update and direct government information technology efforts towards the attainment of continued national economic growth and development;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Executive Order No. 526, S. of 1979, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 3. An Information Technology Coordinating Council is hereby created to:

a. Formulate and recommend to the National Economic and Development Authority Board policies and plans that affect the development and application of Information Technology in the country;

b. Monitor the significant developments and activities that affect the development of Information Technology; and

c. Assist the National Computer Center in the formulation of policies, guidelines, and standards for information systems development in the government.

The Council shall consist of the Managing Director of the National Computer Center as chairman and a representative of at least the rank of an Assistant Secretary from each of the following departments:

Department of Education Culture & Sports;
Department of Science and Technology;
Department of Trade and Industry;
Department of Transportation and Communications; and
National Economic and Development Authority

The Executive Secretary shall designate three (3) members of the Information Technology Coordinating Council from among the nominees coming from the private sector submitted to the Council by organizations concerned with Information Technology development."

Section 2. The National Computer Center, in coordination with the Information Technology Coordinating Council and other concerned agencies of government, shall formulate and recommend an Information Technology manpower development program together with the appropriate policies and standards, in order to develop effective Information Technology specialists and users in government.

Section 3. Each department, major agency or government corporation shall designate an Information Systems planner who is at least a Director or of equivalent rank and who shall be responsible for the preparation, development, and implementation of Information Systems plans of the department and its attached agencies, major agencies or government corporation. The National Computer Center shall organize, coordinate, or otherwise provide guidelines for the activities of government Information Systems planners.

Section 4. The Department of Budget and Management shall provide for the funding requirements of the Information Technology Coordinating Council. The initial funding for Information Systems planning and Information Technology manpower development activities during 1989 and 1990 shall be sourced from any available technical assistance program for the Philippine government.

Section 5. This Executive Order takes effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 357
STRENGTHENING THE EXISTING COORDINATING MECHANISM OF THE NATIONAL SHELTER PROGRAM OF THE GOVERNMENT UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 90, DATED DECEMBER 17, 1986

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 90, dated December 17, 1986, identified the government agencies essential for the National Shelter Program and defined their mandates, created the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council, and rationalized funding sources and lending mechanisms for home mortgages;

WHEREAS, the key agencies of the National Shelter Program are the National Housing Authority, the National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation, the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board and the Home Insurance and Guaranty Corporation pursuant to Section 1 of Executive Order No. 90, dated December 17, 1986;

WHEREAS, the support agencies of the National Shelter Program are the Home Development Mutual Fund, Social Security System and the Government Service Insurance System pursuant to Section 2 of Executive Order No. 90, dated December 17, 1986;

WHEREAS, the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council was created for the main function of coordinating the activities of the government housing agencies to ensure the accomplishment of the National Shelter Program pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order No. 90, dated December 17, 1986;

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council is the ex-officio Chairman of the governing Boards of the key housing agencies pursuant to Section 6 of Executive Order No. 90, dated December 17, 1986;

WHEREAS, for administrative purposes under existing laws, the President of the Philippines is the department head of, and exercises direct control and supervision over, the coordinating, key and support agencies of the National Shelter Program, to wit: Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council, the National Housing Authority, the National Home Finance Corporation, the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board, the Home Insurance and Guaranty Corporation, the Home Development Mutual Fund, the Social Security System and the Government Service Insurance System;

WHEREAS, to ensure the accomplishment of the National Shelter Program, it is necessary to strengthen the existing coordinating mechanism of the National Shelter Program by delegating overall administrative supervision over the key housing agencies, namely, the National Housing Authority, the National Home Finance Corporation, the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board and the Home Insurance and Guaranty Corporation, to the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council acting as the Presidential arm on the National Shelter Program under the direct control and supervision of the President of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, jurisprudence recognizes that the President of the Philippines may delegate some Presidential powers to Presidential subordinates (Lacson-Magallanes Co., Inc. vs. Paño, L-27811, Nov. 17, 1967, 21 SCRA 895);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

1. The Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council shall exercise overall administrative supervision over the key housing agencies, namely: the National Housing Authority, the National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation, the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board, and the Home Insurance and Guaranty Corporation (HIGC), subject to the direct control and supervision of the President of the Philippines;

2. The Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council shall be responsible for meeting targets and objectives for the housing sector and, together with the key and support housing agencies, achieving these objectives and targets; and

3. The Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council is specifically directed to undertake the following:

a. Review the organization, programs and projects of the key housing agencies and adopt, through their respective governing boards, such measures as may be necessary and proper to ensure that the activities of these agencies are fully coordinated and integrated;
b. Decentralize its operations and of the key housing agencies by integrating the regional activities of these agencies in order to attain an equitable regional distribution of housing benefits; and
c. Enlist the assistance of the Department of Budget and Management in securing the continuing funding support for the National Shelter Program and to identify and submit to the proper implementing agency projects for funding under the Philippine Assistance Program.

4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 24th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 358
REVOKING THE DESIGNATION OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE AUTHORITY AS A MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE ON THE PHILIPPINE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

WHEREAS, the Administrator of the Export Processing Zone Authority (EPZA) has been designated as a member of the Presidential Committee on the Philippine Nuclear Power Plant, hereinafter the Committee, under Executive Order No. 315, s. of 1988, because of the familiarity of the incumbent, Atty. Jaime L. Guerrero, with the nuclear power plant matter;

WHEREAS, the representation of the Export Processing Zone Authority (EPZA) in the Committee will no longer be necessary as its incumbent administrator will be leaving the Authority on June 15, 1989;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

1. The designation of the Administrator of the Export Processing Zone Authority (EPZA) as member of the Presidential Committee on the Philippine Nuclear Power Plant is hereby revoked.
2. Sections 2 and 4(b) of Executive Order No. 315, s. of 1988 are hereby modified accordingly.
3. This Executive Order shall take effect on June 15,

DONE in the City of Manila, this 2nd day of June, in the year of OUr Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 359
REITERATING THE POLICY AND PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 285, "ABOLISHING THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION AND TRANSFERRING ITS FUNCTIONS TO APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES" ON THE OPERATION OF A PROCUREMENT SYSTEM FOR COMMON-USE OFFICE SUPPLIES, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the cost of government operations can be substantially reduced through greater efficiency in the procurement of supplies, materials and equipment;

WHEREAS, innovations in procurement have been successfully tested by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Department of Finance (DOF) and the Commission on Audit (COA) through the Pilot Procurement Project and subsequently the Procurement Service;

WHEREAS, the said policies, procedures and innovations should be institutionalized in line with the provisions of Letter of Instructions No. 755 and Executive Order No. 285 mandating the operation of a government-wide procurement system and price monitoring of common-use supplies, materials, and equipment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Reiteration of Policy. The National Government hereby reiterates the policy that procurement of government supplies, materials and equipment shall be done in the most economical and efficient manner by purchasing directly from reliable sources in economic lot sizes, by observing optimum specifications and by making prompt payment.

Sec 2. Organization. a. Pursuant to the principle enunciated under Section 51, General Provisions, Republic Act No. 6688, a Procurement Policy Board is hereby established to consist of the Secretary of Budget and Management (DBM) as Chairman and, as Members, the Secretaries of Finance (DOF), Trade and Industry (DTI), Health (DOH), National Defense (DND), Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) and a representative from the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA).

The Board shall promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the policy statement and intent of this Executive Order, which shall serve as the basis for the procurement operation of the Procurement Service (PS) of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and other government agencies. In the formulation of said rules and regulations, the Procurement Policy Board may, in its discretion, consult the Chairman, Commission on Audit on matters falling under the functional jurisdiction of the Commission.

The Board shall conduct periodic evaluation of the effectiveness of the centralized procurement system as carried out by the Procurement Service in terms of economy and efficiency measured against the following criteria:

(1) comparable prices in the open market;
(2) compliance with established standards and quality as formulated by the Bureau of Product Standards of the Department of Trade and Industry; and
(3) meeting delivery time standards to client agencies.

For the above purpose, the Board may commission the undertaking of an independent survey to accomplish this task.

Upon effectivity of this Executive Order, the hold-over status of all the Members of the Procurement Council who are rendering services on hold-over capacity in the Procurement Service shall automatically terminate and cease.

b. In line with the mandate of Executive Order No. 285, the Procurement Service (PS) of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and its Inter-Agency Bids and Awards Committee created under Letter of Instructions No. 755 shall be maintained as the regular organizational units to implement and operate a central procurement system. Accordingly, DBM shall in accordance with Executive Order No. 86, establish Regional Depots as part of the regular organization structure of the Procurement Service from which government agencies may locally purchase their common use supplies, materials and equipment requirements.

Sec 3. Coverage. All national government agencies, including State Universities and Colleges and government owned or controlled corporations and their subsidiaries, that require common-use supplies, materials and equipment are covered by the Executive Order. The central procurement system may be availed of by local government units, on a voluntary basis.

Agencies are, however, allowed to procure directly for emergency needs whenever there is a significant delay in the delivery of urgently needed supplies by the Procurement Service, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Sec 4. Operating Procedures. The operating procedures of the procurement system shall be prescribed by the Procurement Service (PS). Said operating procedures shall remain in force unless subsequently modified in consultation with the Systems and Procedures Bureau (SPB) of DBM, subject to the approval of the Procurement Policy Board.

The operating procedures shall cover, among others, the following:

a. Preparation and submission of the annual agency procurement programs for brand-new supplies, materials and equipment which are covered by the procurement system.
b. The appropriations for the Annual Procurement Programs of Agencies shall be identified in their annual Work and Financial Plan. Said Work and Financial Plan shall serve as the basis of the Department of Budget and Management in the release of the Agency's quarterly allotments and monthly funding warrants.

   The agencies shall remit in advance to the Procurement Service the funds needed to service their requirements for supplies, materials and equipment as reflected in said Work and Financial Plan.
c. Adoption of simplified bidding procedures as authorized under Item 12 of Letter of Instructions No. 755 by a Procurement Service Bids and Awards Committee whose composition shall be determined by the Procurement Policy Board.
d. In the evaluation of supplies, materials and equipment, the applicable standards as to specifications and test methods as formulated by the Bureau of Product Standards shall be strictly followed; where otherwise not available, the appropriate international and/or trade standards, whichever is more beneficial to the government, shall apply. Evaluation of items

which are highly technical in nature shall in all cases be attended by the technical experts of the end-user agency and representatives of professional associations under whose field of expertise the items may be covered.

e. The charging of service fees by the Procurement Service to cover its personnel services and other operational expenses as may be authorized by the Procurement Policy Board pursuant to Section 33 of Republic Act No. 6688 and Section 52 of Presidential Decree No. 1177, but not to exceed five (5%) percent of the value of supplies, materials and equipment procured and supplied to the agency concerned.

Sec 5. Funding. The initial funding for the operation and initial stocking of the regional depots shall be charged against available appropriations of the Department of Budget and Management. This shall include the amount of three million pesos (₱3,000,000.00) for each regional depot which shall be treated, recorded, deposited and used consistent with and in the same manner as the PS Operating Funds established under Letter of Instructions No. 755.

In case of deficiency of available appropriations, such deficiency shall be covered by savings from any appropriate lump-sum funds as may be determined by the Department of Budget and Management.

Sec 6. Repealing Clause. The provisions of Procurement Council Circular No. 1; Joint Circular 77-2 as amended by Procurement Circular No. 3 and 3a; Joint Circular No. 3-B and Joint Department of Budget and Management, Department of Trade and Industry, and Commission on Audit (DBM-DTI-COA) Memorandum Circular, dated October 1, 1987 prescribing the Implementing Guidelines on Government Procurement of Bureau of Product Standards-Certified Products that are inconsistent herewith are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

Sec 7. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 2nd day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 360
ENJOINING ALL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNMENT OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS TO GRANT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM THE RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL IN THE SALE OR DISPOSITION OF ALL LANDS OWNED BY THEM WHICH ARE SUITABLE TO AGRICULTURE

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Executive Order No. 229, Series of 1987 states that: "[T]he Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) shall cover, regardless of tenurial arrangement and commodity produced, all public and private agricultural lands as provided in Proclamation No. 131 dated July 22, 1987, including whenever applicable in accordance with law, other lands of the public domain suitable to agriculture;"

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Republic Act No. 6657 provides that: "[T]he Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988 shall cover, regardless of tenurial arrangement and commodity produced, all public and private agricultural lands as provided in Proclamation No. 131 and Executive Order No. 229, including other lands of the public domain suitable for agriculture;"

WHEREAS, the Presidential Agrarian Reform Council is mandated by the aforesaid laws to coordinate the implementation of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program and empowered to formulate and/or implement the policies, rules and regulations, whether substantive or procedural, to carry out the objects and purposes of the said laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. All government financial institutions and government owned or controlled corporations are hereby enjoined to grant the Department of Agrarian Reform the right of first refusal in the sale or disposition of all lands owned by them which are suitable to agriculture.

Section 2. The respective Heads of these institutions and corporations shall report to the Office of the President their compliance with, and their present inventory of the lands covered by, this Executive Order within thirty (30) days from date of effectivity hereof.

Section 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila this 9th day of June, nineteen hundred and eighty nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 361
SUSPENDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 782, SERIES OF 1982, IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISIONS THEREOF SUSPENDED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 354, SERIES OF 1989

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 354, Series of 1989, suspended the provisions of Section 2, paragraphs 3 and 4 of Executive Order No. 782, Series of 1982, and the provisions of Section 2 (2) (b) thereof insofar as used diesel engines are concerned, for the purpose of alleviating the shortage of buses, trucks and engines;

WHEREAS, to achieve the said purpose it is necessary to suspend likewise the provisions of Executive Order No. 782 which prescribe the gross vehicular weights (GVW) and age of used trucks that can be imported, as well as the provisions which prescribe the capacity and age of used gasoline engines that can be imported;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The implementation of Section 2 (2) (a) and Section 2 (2) (b) of Executive Order No. 782, quoted below, are hereby suspended:

> "a. Used Trucks with rated gross vehicular weights (GVW) greater than 40,000 lbs. and of models not more than six (6) years old."
> "b. Used diesel, gasoline engines with rated capacities greater than 150 horsepower and models not more than five (5) years old."

SEC. 2. The Inter-Agency Committee on Used Trucks and Engines (IAC-UTE) in the Department of Trade and Industry shall prescribe and promulgate, upon consultation with passenger and tourist bus operators, such guidelines as it may deem necessary to implement this Executive Order and Executive Order No. 354, including guidelines on the weight, capacity, and age of the used trucks, used passenger/tourist buses, and used engines that are allowed for importation, as an exception to the CVDP Guidelines approved under Memorandum Order No. 157, Series of 1988: Provided, That in prescribing the said Guidelines, the Committee shall take into consideration not only the need to alleviate the said shortage but also the safety of the riding public/end users in particular and the public in general.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 362
EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE CENTRAL VISAYAS REGIONAL PROJECTS OFFICE

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 907, series of 1983, created the Central Visayas Regional Projects Office (CVRPO) which shall have a life of six years from the date of the effectivity thereof on September 10, 1983, unless the President finds it necessary and operationally effective to extend the life of the Office to complete the regional projects;

WHEREAS, the World Bank-assisted Central Visayas Regional Projects (CVRP) under Loan No. 2360-PH are expected to be completed not later than December 31, 1991;

WHEREAS, the Region VII Regional Development Council and the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) have recommended the extension of the life of the CVRPO until the completion of the on-going World Bank-assisted projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Unless otherwise directed, the life of the Central Visayas Regional Projects Office (CVRPO) is hereby extended up to December 31, 1991, so as to complete the on-going World Bank-assisted Central Visayas Regional Projects (CVRP) under Loan No. 2360-PH.

SECTION 2. Subject to such coordinative, directional, management and budgetary guidelines/ issuance as may be promulgated, the CVRPO and its Board shall operate and perform their powers and responsibilities in accordance with the applicable provisions of Executive Order No. 907, series of 1983.

SECTION 3. The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) in coordination with the CVRPO shall ensure that all the terms and conditions embodied in the Loan Agreements related to CVRP are strictly complied with.

SECTION 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 28th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 363
DECENTRALIZING THE COORDINATIVE AND MANAGEMENT MECHANISMS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTEGRATED AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

WHEREAS, under Executive Order No. 230, Series of 1987, the National Council on Integrated Area Development (NACIAD), created as a sub-committee of the Cabinet under Executive Order No. 835, Series of 1982, and the Central Visayas Regional Projects Office (CVRPO), created under Executive Order No. 907, Series of 1983, were transferred to the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) for the latter to recommend, within one year from the date of effectivity of the aforesaid Executive Order No. 230, the transfer of the said two agencies to the appropriate department, in conjunction with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM);

WHEREAS, NEDA is mandated to review the functions and activities of all other Integrated Area Development (IAD) programs/projects and any other programs requiring multi-sectoral and/or multi-disciplinary approaches and to recommend the appropriate disposition and supervision of the same;

WHEREAS, an Inter-Agency Task Force composed of officials from the NEDA, and DBM, the Office of the President, and a representative from the academe, undertook a study and review of existing structure and operations of the NACIAD, CVRPO, and other integrated area development project offices (IADPOs);

WHEREAS, the study showed that while the IAD, as a development strategy, remains a viable approach towards the upliftment of depressed areas, the existing institutional arrangements implementing such strategy run counter to the policy on administrative decentralization and regionalization as expressed in Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution;

WHEREAS, there are now in place specific elements of decentralization such as (i) the newly reorganized and strengthened Regional Development Councils (RDCs), (ii) the move towards the regionalization of the budget, (iii) active decentralization of national line agencies, and (iv) other measures which render feasible the shift in the institutional arrangements for the IADS, where the RDCs and local government units may now assume responsibility and authority over the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Definition of Integrated Area Development Programs and Projects. - Integrated Area Development (IAD) programs and projects refer to those requiring multi-sectoral and/or multi-disciplinary approaches covering a defined geographical area.

SECTION 2. Overall Direction, Coordination, and Supervision of IAD. - The overall direction, coordination, and supervision of implementation of existing IAD projects and similar projects that may be established, are hereby transferred from the National Council on Integrated Area Development (NACIAD) to the respective Regional Development Councils (RDCs) and the Local Government Units (LGUs) concerned in accordance with the delineation of functions provided herein.

SECTION 3. Coordination and Policy Guidance at the Regional Level. - The RDCs concerned shall be responsible for policy coordination and direction of all IAD projects at the regional level to ensure consistency of the projects with their respective regional development plans.

SECTION 4. Overall Direction, Coordination, and Supervision of Single-Province IAD Projects. - In the case of IAD projects which cover only one province, the responsibility for overall direction, coordination, and supervision of implementation of such projects is hereby vested in the concerned Offices of the Provincial Governor (OPG).

For this purpose, the Integrated Area Development Project Offices (IADPOs) are hereby placed under the administrative supervision of the OPG concerned. Existing personnel contracts shall be respected; while the eventual absorption of IADPOs personnel into the OPG shall be decided upon by the respective provincial governments.

Upon assumption of supervision over the project by the concerned OPG, it shall submit to the respective RDCs, for approval, the program of work and management plan for the project.

SECTION 5. Multi-Provincial IAD Projects. - In the case of IAD projects, inclusive of the CVRP, that cover more than one province, the RDC concerned shall be responsible for the overall direction, coordination, and supervision of the implementation of such IAD. The RDC shall constitute from amongst its members a subcommittee to effect close direction, coordination, and supervision over the project, as well as to provide a forum for addressing common inter-provincial and inter-agency concerns.

With respect to the CVRPO, the RDC for Region VII may retain or recommend to the President the reconstitution of the present Central Visayas Regional Projects Office (CVRPO) Board.

In the case of IAD Projects where the development of one sector is clearly predominant as determined by the RDC, the latter shall designate as Chairman of the sub-committee for the IAD the Regional Director of the implementing agency that is responsible for said sector.

To assist the sub-committee, the RDC may establish an ad hoc project coordinating unit whose principal functions shall include coordination of annual budget preparation, provision of technical assistance to the component provinces, maintaining liaison with other government agencies as well as foreign sources of assistance for the adequate and timely release of necessary resources for the project, and project monitoring and evaluation.

The responsibility for overall direction, coordination, and supervision of implementation of provincial-level activities, however, shall remain with the respective OPG.

SECTION 6. Coordination and Policy Guidance at the National Level. - The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), as the central government development coordinating body, shall formulate a framework plan to guide the development of future IAD projects, to include the general principles governing: (a) the selection of provinces for future IAD development; and (b) subsequent formulation, implementation, and operation of IAD project packages. Corollarily, the NEDA Board shall be responsible for coordinating the implementation of the framework plan at the national level.

SECTION 7. Delineation of the Functions and Responsibilities of the RDCs, LGUs, and Implementing Departments. - The functions of the RDCs and the OPGs concerned shall be essentially policy-setting and overall direction, coordination, and supervision. The management and actual implementation of operations, activities, and programs of specific sectoral components of IAD projects shall continue to be the responsibility of the designated departments and agencies concerned: Provided, That offices under the Provincial Governor such as the Provincial Engineer's Office, the Provincial Agricultural Office, and the Provincial Planning and Development Office may implement project activities, as may be assigned to them by the lead agency, consistent with the project design: Provided, Further, That said activities are inherent in their respective functions.

SECTION 8. Budgetary Systems. - The budgets for implementation activities in the provinces, including those activities of line agencies under the IAD project, shall be integrated and endorsed by the OPG concerned to the RDC prior to submission thereof to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM). Funds for specific components of IAD projects shall be released directly by the

DBM to the implementing line agencies at the provincial level and to the concerned LGUs for the activities they implement.

The DBM, in consultation with the RDCs, shall issue the appropriate guidelines for budget preparation and execution to ensure the rational allocation and timely releases of funds for specific components of IAD projects.

Funds for the internal operations of IADPOs shall be released by the DBM to the OPG concerned: Provided, That in the case of multi-provincial IAD projects, including the CVRP, funds for the operations of the project coordinating units shall be released directly to them.

SECTION 9. Improved System of Accountability. - The respective RDCs shall adopt measures to improve the system of accountability of the LGUs to their constituency. Towards this end, efforts shall be expended to actively involve non-government organizations (NGOs), including mass media, to inform the public of the objectives, programs, and resources of the project, and to effect progress monitoring and subsequent impact evaluation.

The concerned OPG shall submit to the RDC at least quarterly reports on the physical and financial progress of the project and such other project reports/documents as the latter may require.

SECTION 10. Transitory Measures. - To ensure the effective implementation of this Executive Order, the following immediate measures shall be undertaken to support LGUs in the discharge of their functions relative to IAD projects:

(a) In connection with the transfer of responsibility to the OPG as provided in Section 4 hereof, the RDCs shall ensure: (i) the concrete specification of responsibility and authority among the agencies concerned; (ii) the adequate modification of work programs and budgets, if necessary; (iii) a clear functional delineation of the various agencies involved and the definition of the coordinating steps; and (iv) the formulation of a sufficient program of technical assistance participated in by relevant agencies in support of the institutional changes in project implementation as envisioned herein;
(b) The RDCs shall also formulate and implement, in coordination with concerned line agencies as well as the LGUs, a training and assistance program designed to enable the staff of LGUs and the concerned line agencies to sustain the management and operation of the project, and of such other projects as they may develop in the future and design the necessary coordinative mechanism between the LGUs and the regional line agencies;
(c) In the case of the CVRP, and the CVRPO shall re-deploy from the Regional Project Office to the LGUs such technical and administrative personnel as may be necessary for the immediate and effective management by the LGUs of project activities.

All on-going IAD projects coordinated by line agencies shall continue to operate under existing arrangements, the provisions of this Executive Order notwithstanding.

SECTION 11. Observance of Terms and Conditions of Loan Agreements. - The NEDA shall ensure that all departments, agencies, and LGUs concerned observe strictly all the terms and conditions embodied in Loan Agreements executed between the foreign funding institutions and the Philippine Government involving IAD projects.

SECTION 12. Implementing Guidelines. - The NEDA shall promulgate guidelines to serve as basis for the setting up of the institutional mechanisms by the RDCs and LGUs necessary for the implementation of the policy pertaining to IADs as envisioned herein, including their respective internal operations, as well as the development of subsequent IAD projects.

SECTION 13 Effectivity. - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 17th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 364
MODIFYING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTIES AND CLASSIFICATIONS AND IMPOSING ALTERNATIVE RATES ON CERTAIN ARTICLES UNDER SECTION 104 OF THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, AS AMENDED

Pursuant to the powers vested in me under Section 401 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The rates of import duties and classifications of the following articles under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, are hereby modified as follows:

Tariff Hdg. No.	H. S. Code	Description	Rate of Duty in % Ad Valorem or in Pesos
14.01		Vegetable materials of a kind used primarily for plaiting (for example, bamboos, rattans, reeds, rushes, osier, raffia, cleaned, bleached or dyed cereal straw and lime bark).	
	1401.10 00	- - x x x	
	1401.20	- Rattans:	
	1401.20 10	- - - Rattan Poles	Free
	1401.20 90	- - - Other	10%
	1401.90 00	- x x x	
27.04	2704.00	Coke and semi-coke of coal, of lignite or of peat, whether or not agglomerated; retort carbon:	
	2704.00 10	- - Foundry coke	
	2704.00 90	- - - Other	
27.10	2710.00	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, other than crude; preparations not elsewhere specified or included, containing by weight 70% or more of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals, these oils being the basic constituents of the preparations.	
	2710.00 10	- - - x x x	
	2710.00 20	- - - x x x	
	2710.00 21	- - - - x x x	
	2710.00 29	- - - - x x x	

	2710.00 30	- - - Gas oils, fuel oils and other heavy oils; aviation gasoline, white spirit and naphtha:	
	2710.00 31	- - - - Fuel Oils	10%
	2710.00 32	- - - - Naphtha	10%
	2710.00 39	- - - - x x x	
	2710.00 90	- - - x x x	
29.05		Acyclic alcohols and their halogenated, sulphonated, nitrated or nitrosated derivatives.	
		x x x	
	2905.11 00	- - x x x	
	2905.12 00	- x x x	
	2905.13 00	- x x x	
	2905.14 00	- - x x x	
	2905.15 00	- x x x	
	2905.16 00	- - x x x	
	2905.17 00	- x x x	
	2905.19	- x x x	
	2905.19 10	x x	
	2905.19 90	- - - x x x	
		x x x	
	2905.21 00	- - x x x	
	2905.22 00	- - x	
	2905.29	- - x	
	2905.29 10	- - - x x x	
	2905.29 90	- - - x x x	
		Diols:	
	2905.31 00	- - Ethylene glycol (ethanediol)	5%
	2905.32 00	- - x x x	
	2905.39	- - x x x	
	2905.39 10	- - - x x x	
	2905.39 90	- - - x x x	
		x x x	
	2905.41 00	- - x x x	
	2905.42 00	- - x x x	
	2905.43 00	- - x x x	
	2905.44 00	- - x x x	
	2905.49	- - x x x	
	2905.49 10	- - - x x x	
	2905.49 90	- x x x	
	2905.50	- x x x	
	2905.50 10	x x x	
	2905.50 90	- - - x x x	

29.17		Polycarboxylic acids, their anhydrides, halides, peroxides and peroxyacids; their halogenated, sulphonated, nitrated or nitrosated derivatives.	
		- x x x	
	2917.11 00	- - x x x	
	2917.12 00	- - x x x	
	2917.13 00	- - x x x	
	2917.14 00	- - x x x	
	2917.19	- - x x x	
	2917.19 10	- - - x x x	
	2917.19 90	- - - x x x	
	2917.20 00	- x x x	
		- x x x	
	2917.31 00	x x x	
	2917.32 00	- - x x x	
	2917.33 00	- - x x x	
	2917.34 00	- - x x x	
	2917.35 00	- - x x x	
	36	- - Terephthalic acid and its salts:	
	2917.36 10	- - - Terephthalic Acid	5%
	2917.36 90	- - - Other	10%
	2917.37 00	- - Dimethyl terephthalate	5%
	39	- - x x x	
	39 10	- - - x x x	
	39 20	- x x x	
	39 90	- - - x x x	
29.33		Heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen hetero-atom(s) only; nucleic acids and their salts.	
		x x x	
	2933.1 00	- - x x x	
	2933.19 00	- - x x x	
		- x x x	
	2933.21 00	- - x x x	
	2933.29 00	- - x x x	
		- x x x	
	31 00	- - x x x	
	2933.39 00	- - x x x	
	2933.40 00	- x x x	
		x x x	
	2933.51 00	- - x x x	
	2933.59 00	- - x x x	
		x x x	
	2933.61 00	- - x x x	
	2933.69 00	- - x x x	

		Lactams:	
	2933.71 00	- - 6 - Hexanelactam (epsilon-capraloctam)	5%
	2933.79 00	- - x x x	
	2933,90 00	- x x x	
31.01	3101.00 00	Animal or vegetable fertilisers, whether or not mixed together or chemically treated; fertilizers produced by the mixing or chemical treatment of animal or vegetable products.	5%
31.02		Mineral or chemical fertilisers, nitrogeneous.	
	3102.10 00	- Urea, whether or not in aqueous solution	5%
		Ammonium sulphate; double salts and mixtures of ammonium sulphate and ammonium nitrate;	
	21 00	- - Ammonium sulphate	5%
	3102.29 00	- - Other	5%
	3102.30 00	- x x x	
	3102.40 00	- Mixtures of ammonium nitrate with calcium carbonate or other inorganic non-fertilising substances	5%
	3102.50 00	- Sodium nitrate	5%
	3102.60 00	- Double salts and mixtures of calcium nitrate and ammonium nitrate	5%
	70 00	- Calcium cyanamide	5%
	3102.80 00	- Mixtures of urea and ammonium nitrate in aqueous or ammoniacal solution	5%
	3102.90 00	- Other, including mixtures not specified in the foregoing subheadings	5%
31.03		Mineral or chemical fertilisers, phosphatic.	
	3103.10 00	- Superphosphates	5%
	3103.20 00	- Basic slag	5%
	3103.90 00	- Other	5%
31.04		Mineral or chemical fertilisers, potassic.	
	3104.10 00	- Carnallite, sylvite and other crude natural potassium salts	5%
	3104.20 00	- Potassium chloride	5%
	3104.30 00	- Potassium sulphate	5%
	3104.90 00	- Other	5%
31.05		Mineral or chemical fertilisers containing two or three of the fertilising elements nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium; other fertilisers; goods of this Chapter in tablets or similar forms or in packages of a gross weight not exceeding 10 kg.	

	3105.10 00	- Goods of this Chapter in tablets or similar forms or in packages of a gross weight not exceeding 10 kg.	5%
	3105.20 00	- Mineral or chemical fertilisers containing the three fertilising elements nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium	5%
	3105.30 00	- Diammonium hydrogenorthophosphate (diammonium phosphate)	5%
	3105.40 00	- Ammonium dihydrogenorthophosphate (monoammonium phosphate) and mixtures thereof with diammonium hydrogenorthophosphate (diammonium phosphate)	5%
		Other mineral or chemical fertilisers containing the two fertilising elements nitrogen and phosphorus:	
	3105.51 00	- Containing nitrates and phosphates	5%
	3105.59 00	- - Other	5%
	3105.60 00	- Mineral or chemical fertilisers containing the two fertilising elements phosphorus and potassium	5%
	3105.90 00	- Other	5%
40.02		Synthetic rubber and factice derived from oils, in primary forms or in plates, sheets or strip; mixtures of any product of heading No. 40.01 with any product of this heading, in primary forms or in plates, sheets or strip.	
		- Styrene-butadiene rubber (SBR); carboxylated styrene-butadiene rubber (XSBR):	
	11	- - Latex	
	11 10	- - - Styrene-butadiene rubber (SBR)	5%
	4002.11 90	- Other	20%
	4002.19	- - Other:	
	4002.19 10	- - - In primary forms:	
	4002.19 11	- - - - Styrene-butadiene (SBR)	5%
	4002.19 19	- - Other	20%
	19 90	- - - x x x	
	4002.20	- Butadiene rubber (BR):	
	4002.20 10	- - - In primary forms	5%
	4002.20 90	- - - x x x x x x	
	4002.31	- - x x x	
	4002.31 10	- - x x x	
	4002.31 90	- - - x x x	

	4002.39	- - x x x	
	4002.39 10	- x x x	
	4002.39 90	- - x x x	
		x x x	
	4002.41 00	- - x x x	
	4002.49	- x x x	
	4002.49 10	- x x x	
	4002.49 90	- - - x x x	
		- x x x	
	4002.51 00	- - x x x	
	4002.59	- - x x x	
	4002.59 10	- - - x x x	
	4002.59 90	- - - x x x	
	4002.60	- x x x	
	4002.60 10	- - x x x	
	4002.60 90	- - - x x x	
	4002.70	- x x x	
	4002.70 10	- - - x x x	
	4002.70 90	- - - x x x	
	4002.80	- x x x	
	4002.80 10	- - - x x x	
	4002.80 90	- - - x x x	
		- x x x	
	4002.91 00	- - x x x	
	4002.99	- - x x x	
	4002.99 10	- - - x x x	
	4002.99 90	- - - x x x	
44.03		Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared.	
	4403.10	- Treated with paint, stains, creosote or other preservatives:	
	4403.10 10	- - - Roughly squared or half-squared but not further manufactured	
	4403.10 90	- - - Other	
	4403.20	- Other, coniferous;	
	4403.20 10	- Roughly squared or half-squared but not further manufactured	10%
	4403.20 90	- - - Other	Free
		- Other, of the following tropica	
	4403.31	- - Dark Red Meranti, Light Red Meranti and Meranti Bakau:	
	4403.31 10	- - - Roughly squared or half-squared but not further manufactured	
	4403.31 90	- - - Other	
	4403.32	- - White Lauan, White Meranti, White Seraya, Yellow Meranti and Alan:	

	4403.32 10	- - - Roughly squared or half-squared but not further manufactured	
	4403.32 90	- - - Other	
	4403.33	Keruing, Ramin, Kapur, Teak, Jongkong, Merbau, Jelutong and Kempas:	
	4403.33 10	- - - Roughly squared or half-squared but not further manufactured	10%
	4403.33 90	- - - Other	Free
	4403.34	- - Okoume, Obeche, Sapelli, Sipo, Acajou d'Afrique, Makore and Iroko:	
	4403.34 10	- - - Roughly squared or half-squared but not further manufactured	
	4403.34 90	Other	
	4403.35	- - Tiama, Mansonia, Ilomba, Dibetou, Limba and Azobe:	
	4403.35 10	- - - Roughly squared or half-squared but not further manufactured	10%
	4403.35 90	- - - Other	Free
		- Other:	
	4403.91	Of oak:	
	4403.91 10	- - - Roughly squared or half- squared but not further manufactured	10%
	4403.91 90	- - - Other	Free
	4403.92	- - Of beech:	
	4403.92 10	- - - Roughly squared or half-squared but not further manufactured	
	4403.92 90	- - - Other	
	4403.99	Other:	
	4403.99 10	- - - Roughly squared or half-squared but not further manufactured	
	4403.99 90	- - - Other	
48.01	4801.00 00	Newsprint, in rolls or sheets.	30% or kg n.w. P4.00
54.02		Synthetic filament yarn (other than sewing thread), not put up for retail sale, including synthetic monofilament of less than 67 decitex	
	5402.10 00	- High tenacity yarn of nylon or other polyamides	
	5402.20 00	- x x x x x x	
	5402.31 00	- x x x	
	5402.32 00	- - x x x	
	5402.33 00	- - x x x	
	5402.39 00	x x x	

		Other yarn, single, untwisted or with a twist not exceeding 50 turns per metre:	
	5402.41 00	- - Of nylon or other polyamides	30%
	5402.42 00	- - x x x	
	5402.43 00	- - x x x	
	5402.49 00	- - x x x	
		- x x x	
	5402.51 00	- - x x x	
	5402.52 00	- - x x x	
	5402.59 00	- - x x x	
		x x x	
	5402.61 00	- - x x x	
	5402.62 00	- - x x x	
	5402.69 00	- - x x x	
55.02	5502.00 00	Artificial filament tow.	10% or kg n. w. P3.20
55.04		Artificial staple fibres, not carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning.	
	5504.10 00	Of viscose	10% or kg n. w. P3.20
	5504.90 00	- Other	10% or kg n. w. P3.20
59.11		Textile products and articles, for technical uses, specified in Note 7 to this Chapter.	
	5911.10 00	- x x x	
	5911.20 00	- x x x	
		x x x	
	5911.31	- - x x x	
	5911.31 10	- - - x x x	
	5911.31 90	- - - x x x	
	5911.32	- - x x x	
	5911.32 10	- - - x x x	
	5911.32 90	- - - x x x	
	5911.40 00	- x x x	
	5911.90	- Other:	
	5911.90 10	- - - Textile packings and gaskets	
	5911.90 90	- Other	
72.01		Pig iron and spiegeleisen in pigs, blocks or other primary forms.	
	7201.10 00	- Non-alloy pig iron containing by weight 0.5% or less of phosphorus	Free
	7201.20 00	- Non-alloy pig iron containing by weight more than 0.5% of phosphorus	Free
	7201.30 00	- Alloy pig iron	Free
	7201.40 00	- x x x	

72.04		Ferrous waste and scrap remelting scrap ingots of iron or steel.	
	7204.10 00	- Waste and scrap of cast iron	5%
		Waste and scrap of alloy steel:	
	7204.21 00	- Of stainless steel	5%
	7204.29 00	- Other	5%
	7204.30 00	- Waste and scrap of tinned iron or steel	5%
		- Other waste and scrap:	
	7204.41 00	- Turnings, shavings, chips milling waste, sawdust, filings, trimmings and stampings, whether or not in bundles	5%
	7204.49 00	- - Other	5%
	7204.50 00	- Remelting scrap ingots	5%
72.07		Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel.	
		- Containing by weight less than 0.25% of carbon:	
	7207.11 00	- - x x x	
	7207.12	- - Other, of rectangular (other than square) cross-section:	
	7207.12 10	- - - Slabs	
	7207.12 90	- - - Other	
	7207.19 00	- - x x x	
	7207.20	- Containing by weight 0.25% or more of carbon	
	7207.20 0	- - - Slabs	
	7207.20 90	- - - Other	
73.12		Stranded wire, ropes, cables, plaited bands, slings and the like, of iron or steel, not electrically insulated.	
	7312.10	- Stranded wire, ropes, and cables:	
	7312.10 10	- - - x x x	
	7312.10 20	- - - Plaited or coated with brass, of a nominal diameter not exceeding 3 mm.	
	7312.10 90	- - - x x x	
	7312.90 00	- x x x	
84.08		Compression-ignition internal combustion piston engines (diesel or semi-diesel engines)	
		- x x x	
	8408.20	- Engines of a kind used for the propulsion of vehicles of Chapter 87:	
	8408.20 10	- - - For motor vehicles of subheadings nos. 8702.10 10 and 8704.22 90 with g. v. w. of 6 tonnes to 18 tonnes	
	8408.20 90	- - - Other	

	8408.90 00	- x x x	
84.71		Automatic data processing machines and units thereof; magnetic or optical readers, machines for transcribing data onto data media in coded form and machines for processing such data, not elsewhere specified or included.	
	8471.10 00	- Analogue or hybrid automatic data processing machines	
	8471.20 00	Digital automatic data processing machines, containing in the same housing at least a central processing unit and an input and output unit, whether or not combined	
		- Other:	
	8471.91 00	- - Digital processing units, whether or not presented with the rest of a system, which may contain in the same housing one or two of the following types of unit: storage units, input units, output units	0%
	8471.92 00	- - x x x	
	8471.93 00	- - Storage units, whether or not presented with the rest of a system	
	8471.99	- - Other:	
	8471.99 10	- - - x x x	
	8471.99 90	- - - Other	
84.73		Parts and accessories (other than covers, carrying cases and the like) suitable for use solely or principally with machines of headings Nos. 84.69 to 84.72.	
	8473.10 00	x x x	
		- x x x	
	8473.21 00	- - x x x	
	8473.29 00	- - x x x	
	8473.30 00	- - Parts and accessories of the machines of heading No. 84.71	
	8473.40 00	- - x x x	
85.23		Prepared unrecorded media for sound recording or similar recording of other phenomena, other than products of Chapter 37.	
		- Magnetic tapes:	
	8523.11 00	- - x x x	
	8523.12 00	- - x x x	
	8523.13	- - Of a width exceeding 6.5 mm:	

	8523.13 10	- - - Magnetic computer tapes with widths of 1/2-inch (12.7 mm) or wider	10%
	8523.13 90	- - - x x x	
	8523.20	- Magnetic discs:	
	8523.20 0	- Computer magnetic discs and diskettes	10%
	8523.20 90	- - - x x x	
	8523.90 00	- x x x	
		Records, tapes and other recorded media for sound or other similarly recorded phenomena, including matrices and masters for the production of records, but excluding products of Chapter 37.	
	8524.10 00	- x x x	
		Magnetic tapes:	
	8524.21 00	- - x x x	
	8524.22 00	- - x x x	
	8524.23	- - Of a width exceeding 6.5 mm:	
	8524.23 10	- - - Recorded computer magnetic tapes with widths of 1/2-inch (12.7 mm) or wider	0%
	8524.23 90	- - x x x	
	8524.90	- Other:	
	8524.90 10	- - Recorded computer magnetic disks and diskettes	10%
	8524.90 90	x x x	
87.06	8706.00	Chassis fitted with engines, for the motor vehicles of headings Nos. 87.01 to 87.05:	
	8706.00 10	- - - For motor vehicles of subheadings Nos. 8702.10 10 and 8704.22 90 with g.v.w. of 6 tonnes to 18 tonnes	10%
	8706.00 90	- - - Other	30%
89.02	8902.00	Fishing vessels; factory ships and other vessels for processing or preserving fishery products.	
	8902.00 10	- Fishing vessels 40 GT and above	Free
89.03		Yachts and other vessels for pleasure or sports; rowing boats and canoes.	
	8903.10 00	- Inflatable	
		- Other:	
	8903.91 00	- - Sailboats, with or without auxiliary motor	50%
	8903.92 00	- Motorboats, other than outboard motorboats	
	8903.99 00	Other	50%
89.04	8904.00 00	Tugs and pusher craft.	Free

89.05		Light-vessels, fire-floats, dredgers, floating cranes, and other vessels the navigability of which is subsidiary to their main function; floating docks; floating or submersible drilling or production platforms.	
	8905.10 00	- Dredgers	Free
	8905.20 00	- Floating or submersible drilling or production platforms	Free
	8905.90 00	- Other	Free
89.06		Other vessels, including warships and lifeboats other than rowing boats.	
	8906.00 10	- Warships	Free
	8906.00 90	- - Other	10%
89.07		Other floating structures (for example, rafts, tanks, cofferdams, landing stages, buoys and beacons).	
	8907.10 00	- Inflatable rafts	10%
	8907.90 00	- Other	10%
89.08	8908.00 00	Vessels and other floating structures for breaking up.	Free
90.28		Gas, liquid or electricity supply or production meters, including calibrating meters therefor.	
	9028.10 00	- x x x	
	9028.20	- x x x	
	9028.20 10	x x x	
	9028.20 90	x x x	
	9028.30	- Electricity meters:	
	9028.30 10	- - - Kilowatt-hour meters	30% - Upon effectivity 20% - 1 Jan. 1992
	9028.30 90	Other	20%
	9028.90	- x x x	
	9028.90 10	x x x	
	9028.90 90	x x x	

SEC. 2. Specific rates of duty as alternative rates to the existing ad valorem rates shall be imposed on the articles listed in Annex "A" hereof. The applicable rate shall either be the specific or ad valorem rate whichever is higher.

SEC. 3. All orders, issuances, and rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. After the expiration of thirty (30) days from the issuance of this Executive Order, all the abovementioned articles in Section 1 and the articles listed in Annex "A" hereof which are entered, or withdrawn from warehouses, in the Philippines, for consumption, shall be subject to the rates of duty herein prescribed.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 21st day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 365
INCREASING BENEFITS AND MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL CARE PLAN AND PROVIDING FOR A HEALTH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the support value of Medicare benefits has been dissipated over the years and the present benefit ceilings are insignificant given the current cost of hospitalization;

WHEREAS, while the rates of contribution are the same, the Medicare benefits ceilings are higher for Social Security System (SSS) Medicare beneficiaries than for Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) Medicare beneficiaries;

WHEREAS, the government desires to increase the Medicare benefits to a meaningful level;

WHEREAS, actuarial studies show that the Health Insurance Fund administered by the GSIS for GSIS Medicare beneficiaries cannot fully provide for the needed funds to finance the increased benefits;

WHEREAS, actuarial studies also show that while the Health Insurance Fund administered by the SSS for the Medicare beneficiaries in the private sector can finance the increase in benefits until 1994;

WHEREAS, the present Medicare contribution rate of 2.50% of the monthly salaries shared equally by the employer and the employee has remained unchanged since 1972, and that the maximum contribution base of P1,000 is already unrealistic considering the present minimum salaries/wages received by employees;

WHEREAS, the current monthly contribution per Medicare member ranging from sixty centavos (P.60) to twenty five pesos (P25.00) which covers the members and his legal dependents, is no longer commensurate to the increased benefits the Program will provide;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Medicare benefits for both GSIS and SSS Medicare beneficiaries are increased not to exceed the rates below.

ITEMS OF HOSPITALIZATION	BENEFIT LIMIT (BY HOSPITAL CATEGORY)		
	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	TERTIARY
A. HOSPITAL CHARGES			
1. ROOM AND BOARD NOT EXCEEDING 45 DAYS PER YEAR FOR EACH MEMBER OF PROGRAM I AND ANOTHER 45 DAYS PER YEAR TO BE SHARED BY ALL HIS LEGAL DEPENDENTS	P30/DAY	P45/DAY	P50/DAY
2. MEDICAL EXPENSE BENEFIT (PER SINGLE PERIOD OF CONFINEMENT)			
2.1 ORDINARY CASES	P350	P550	P725
DRUGS AND MEDICINES	P265	P350	P375
X-RAY/LAB/OTHERS	P85	P200	P350
2.2 INTENSIVE CARE CASES	P680	P1,060	P1,780

DRUGS AND MEDICINES	P500	P600	P1,080
X-RAY/LAB/OTHERS	P180	P460	P700
2.3 CATASTROPHIC CASES	-	P2,250	P3,675
DRUGS AND MEDICINES	-	P1,350	P1,540
X-RAY/LAB/OTHERS	-	P900	P2,135
3. OPERATING ROOM FEE BASED ON COMMISSION'S RELATIVE UNIT VALUE (RUV) SCHEME			
3.1 RUV 5 & BELOW	P90	P165	P260
3.2 RUV 5.1 to 10	-	P280	P333
3.3 RUV 10, 1 & above	-	P640	P860

B. PROFESSIONAL FEES

1. MEDICAL/DENTAL PRACTITIONER'S FEE, PER DAY OF P35 FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONERS AND P50 FOR SPECIALISTS
   NOT TO EXCEED PER SINGLE PERIOD OF CONFINEMENT, P200 FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONER AND P300 FOR SPECIALIST IN ORDINARY CASES; AND P300 FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONER AND P 500 FOR SPECIALIST IN INTENSIVE CARE/ CATASTROPHIC CASES.
2. SURGEON'S FEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELATIVE UNIT VALUE SCHEME PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSION NOT TO EXCEED P4,700
3. ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S FEE (30% OF ALLOWED SURGEON'S FEE) not to exceed P1,410
4. FEES FOR SURGICAL FAMILY PLANNING PROCEDURES AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION

SEC. 2. (a) Medical and Dental Practitioners are urged to support the government's intention to provide a meaningful level of benefits by charging professional fees to Medicare beneficiaries confined in wards/Medicare rooms no more than the professional fee ceiling provided for by Medicare and to help preserve the Health Insurance Fund by avoiding unnecessary utilization of medical services.

(b) Hospitals are likewise urged to provide the same support by maintaining reasonable hospital rates for Medicare patients.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary to cover the increases in Medicare benefits for GSIS Medicare beneficiaries shall be funded through a Health Financial Assistance Program to be taken from budgetary savings of national government agencies, local government units, and government corporations, respectively. For this purpose, the Department of Budget and Management shall set aside from savings in the 1989 budget of the concerned agencies, local government units and government corporations, the amount necessary to fund the 1989 requirement of the said Program. Thereafter, the annual Health Financial Assistance requirements shall be included in the budgets of the concerned agencies, local government units and government corporations. Provided, That the amount of financial assistance shall not exceed the deficit (which is the difference between the total projected GSIS Medicare revenues and the total projected GSIS Medicare disbursements) plus the amount required to gradually build up a reserve level equivalent to estimated benefit claims for one year; Provided, further, That the Department of Budget and Management, the Philippine Medical Care Commission and the Government Service Insurance System shall jointly promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Section.

SEC. 4. (a) The computation of the monthly contribution of members shall be in accordance with contribution billing procedures of SSS and GSIS as the case may be.

For GSIS members, the contribution shall be computed at 2.5%, to be shared equally by employers and employees, of the basic monthly salary subject to subsection (b) hereof.

For SSS members, monthly contribution shall be in accordance with the following schedule subject to sub-section (b) hereof:

SALARY BRACKET	CONTRIBUTION BASE	EMPLOYEE'S SHARE	EMPLOYER'S SHARE
P less than P149.99	P125.00	P1.55	P1.55
150 - 199.99	175.00	2.20	2.20
200 - 249.99	225.00	2.80	2.80
250 - 349.99	300.00	3.75	3.75
350 - 499.99	425.00	5.35	5.35
500 - 699.99	600.00	7.50	7.50
700 - 899.99	800.00	10.00	10.00
900 - 1,099.99	1,000.00	12.50	12.50
1,100 - 1,399.99	1,250.00	15.65	15.65
1,400 - 1,749.99	1,500.00	18.75	18.75
1,750 - 2,249.99	2,000.00	25.00	25.00
2,250 - 2,749.99	2,500.00	31.25	31.25
2,750 - over	3,000.00	37.50	37.50

(b). The maximum contribution base for all members shall continue to be limited to P1,000 per month until December 31, 1990; however, maximum contribution base shall be increased to P2,000 starting January 1, 1991; to P2,500 starting January 1, 1992; and to P3,000 starting January 1, 1993.

(c) The SSS and GSIS shall continue conducting acturial studies for the purpose of determining from time to time the contribution necessary to ensure long term viability of the Health Insurance Fund.

SEC. 5. All orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Executive Order shall take effect August 1, 1989.

Done in the City of Manila this 28th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 366
FURTHER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 308, AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 318, BOTH SERIES OF 1988, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide for a responsive forum at the regional level for the meaningful participation of the concerned members of Congress and local officials in the selection, prioritization, and allocation of funds for projects under the infrastructure program which require national government appropriations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Executive Order No. 308, as amended by Executive Order No. 318, both Series of 1988, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

> "SECTION 3. Regional Development Assembly. There is hereby created in every region of the country a Regional Development Assembly, hereinafter referred to as the RDA, whose composition, functions, and operations are as follows:
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> a. Composition. The RDA shall be composed of (i) all Provincial Governors and City Mayors in the region; (ii) all Congressmen from the region and Senators who opt to join the particular RDA when so authorized by their respective Chambers; (iii) the Chairman of the Regional Development Council of the region, hereinafter referred to as the RDC; and (iv) two RDC member-representatives of Non-Governmental Organizations to be nominated by the RDC. The RDA shall be headed by a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman to be elected by and from among the members. The RDC Secretariat shall also serve as the RDA Secretariat.
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> b. Functions. The RDA shall serve as a forum for the review and validation of the annual and multi-year infrastructure programs for the region which require appropriation of national government funds, as recommended by the RDC. Based on a consensus, the RDA shall endorse these regional programs for inclusion in the national infrastructure programs and budgets to be submitted to the Congress for appropriation of funds.
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> c. Sessions. The RDA shall hold at least two sessions each year to deliberate on the infrastructure program for the following year. The first session shall be held not later than 15 April of the year to review, validate, and endorse the RDC-recommended apportionment of the regional block allocations or budgetary ceilings for the following across subregional units and/or project categories. The second session shall be held not later than 15 July of the year to review, validate, and endorse the RDC-recommended list of projects to be undertaken in the following year, together with their respective implementation and funding schedules, within the set ceilings. The RDA may hold

additional sessions as it deems necessary to discuss the annual and multi-year infrastructure programs requiring appropriation of national government funds.

d. Hearings and Consultations. The RDA shall hold extensive public hearings and consultations before its sessions in order to coordinate the various concerns and build up consensus on program and project priorities.

e. Proceedings. The Regional Director of the infrastructure agency concerned shall make the technical presentation to the RDA of the infrastructure program allocations and project lists and schedules, recommended by the RDC. During the RDA sessions, maximum participation of the members of the RDC shall be encouraged. All the RDA sessions shall be held in public."

SECTION 2. The RDC shall prepare and recommend, not later than 30 March of each year, the subregional and/or project category apportionments of the regional block allocations or budgetary ceilings for infrastructure projects for the following year. It shall also prepare and recommend, not later than 30 June of each year, the lists and schedules of infrastructure projects to be undertaken in the following year within the set ceilings. The RDC shall submit the programs endorsed by the RDA to the Committee on Infrastructure of the National Economic and Development Authority Board, through the infrastructure departments concerned and copy furnished the Department of Budget and Management, for inclusion in the national infrastructure programs and budgets to be submitted to the Congress for appropriation of funds. The preparation of the infrastructure program shall be guided by the consensus reached in the RDA, and take into account the proposals and recommendations of the RDA participants.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways, the Secretary of Budget and Management, and the Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority Secretariat shall jointly promulgate the rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Executive Order.

SECTION 4. As a transitory provision for the 1990 infrastructure program, the deadlines set in Sections 1(c) and 2 hereof may be changed by the President of the Philippines, upon recommendation of the Secretary of Public Works and Highways, the Secretary of Budget and Management, and the Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority Secretariat.

SECTION 5. All orders, issuances, circulars, rules and regulations, or portions thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 8th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty Nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 367
FURTHER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 129 DATED MAY 6, 1968,
AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 421, DATED NOVEMBER 26, 1973

I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 7, Title I of Executive Order No. 129 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 7. Clothing Allowance. The grantee or trainee shall be granted clothing allowance of $400 for temperate and $300 for tropical zones for the duration of 24 months and below. The clothing allowance shall not be granted more often than once every twenty-four (24) months and a certification that no clothing allowance has been received during the next preceding twenty-four (24) months shall be submitted together with the request. In cases where the clothing allowance previously received by the grantee or trainee concerned was less than the clothing allowance for the subsequent trip, or when the clothing allowance being granted by the donor is less than the clothing allowance indicated herein, he may be granted the difference."

SEC. 2. Section 12 of Title I of the Executive Order No. 129 is hereby amended to read, as follows:

"Sec. 12. Obligations of a grantee or trainee. In consideration of his acceptance of a foreign scholarship/training grant, the grantee or trainee binds himself to the following conditions:

a. To live up to the terms and conditions of grant;
b. To conduct himself in such a manner as not to bring disgrace or dishonor to himself or to his country;
c. To keep up with the standards of scholarship or accomplishments;
d. To submit to the head of his office and the Committe his official transcript of grades at the close of each quarter, term semester;
e. To return immediately upon the termination of his scholarship/training;
f. To submit to the head of his office and the Committee a report on his study/training within sixty (60) days after his return to duty;
g. To submit a re-entry plan or proposal for the application of newly-acquired skills or expertise to his Office and the Committee, upon completion of at least six (6) months study/training; and
h. To serve his Office or any other government office or instrumentality as the exigencies of the service may require, for the specified period indicated below:

NATURE	TRAINING TRAINING DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP	SERVICE OBLIGATION
For academic non-academic programs, including extensions	For every year or a fraction thereof not less than 6 months	2 years
	A fraction of a year less than 6 months but not less than 2 months	1 year
	A fraction of a year less than 2 months	6 months

Failure of the grantee or trainee to fulfill obligations provided under subparagraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of this Section shall be sufficient cause for the cancellation of his scholarship/training grant and for his recall. Should failure in any of such cases be due to his own fault or willful neglect, he shall refund all expenses in accordance with the provisions of the succeeding subparagraphs of this Section.

For failure to render the required length of service referred to in subparagraph (h) of this Section, on account of voluntary resignation, retirement, separation from the service through his own fault or other causes within his control, the grantee or trainee shall refund in full to his agency such amount as may have been defrayed for expenses incident to his scholarship/training as determined by the Committee.

The obligations of grantees or trainees affected/displaced by the reorganization of their respective departments shall be governed by the herein attached "Obligation of Scholars Displaced by Reorganization," which is made an integral part of this Executive Order.

It is the policy of the Committee to allow proportionate refund of the monetary value of the grantee's or trainee's service obligation, when he has served at least 75% of the total service obligation in the agency/department which sent him abroad.

The proportionate amount and mode of payment shall be determined by the agency and confirmed by the Special Committee on Scholarships. In such cases, the amount shall be paid within three (3) years from the effectivity of the arrangement between the grantee or trainee and his agency, and to the execution of the affidavit of undertaking duly secured by a bond with his agency/department.

A condonation of the agency/department concerned may be allowed only in the following cases:

a. Abolition of the Office or involuntary phase-out of the trainee or grantee in a reorganized office; and
b. Death or permanent disability

The Committee may impose such other penalties as it may deem necessary for failure of the grantee or trainee to fulfill other obligations provided under this Section."

SEC. 3. Section 16 of Executive Order No. 129, dated November 26, 1973, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 16. Clothing Allowance and per diem. - Officials and employees authorized to travel abroad under this Title shall be granted clothing allowance and per diem as follows:

	Clothing Allowance	Per Diem
a) The Department Secretaries; the Executive Secretary; the Cabinet Secretary; other officials with Cabinet rank; the Chairman, Commission on Audit; the Chairman, Commission on Elections; the Chairman, Civil Service Commission; the Director-General, National Economic and Development Authority; the Legal Adviser to the President; the Legislative Secretary; the Deputy Directors-General and Assistant Directors-General, National Economic and Development Authority; the Department Undersecretaries; ambassadors, ambassadors extraordinary and plenipotentiary; the Deputy Executive Secretary; the Undersecretary, Presidential Management Staff; the Assistant Executive Secretaries; the Department Assistant Secretaries; the Solicitor General; the Commissioners, Commission on Audit; the Commissioners, Commission on Elections; the Commissioners, Civil Service Commission; the Commissioners, Merit Systems Protection Board; the Government Corporate Counsel; the Managing Director, National Computer Center; the President, University of the Philippines and the presidents of other state universities; the Chairman of governing boards and the general managers or the managing heads of government-owned or controlled corporations; heads of delegations with full powers; and other officials of similar or equivalent rank.	$300.00	$100.00
b) The Vice-Chairman and members of the governing boards and councils and the assistant general managers or other assistant managing heads of government- owned or-controlled corporations; career ministers; directors of bureaus and bureau-level offices; assistant directors of bureaus and bureau-level offices; general officers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines; vice-presidents of state universities; and other officials of similar or equivalent rank.	$300.00	$80.00
c) The heads of primary units and officials of equivalent rank in the Executive Department, the Constitutional Commissions, and Government-owned or -controlled corporations; field grade officers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines; foreign service officers; heads of state colleges and deans of colleges of the University of the Philippines; and other officials similar or equivalent rank.	$250.00	$70.00
d) All other employees.	$250.00	$60.00

In addition to the aforementioned clothing allowance and per diem, members of the Cabinet and persons holding other positions of equivalent rank shall also be entitled to reasonable expenses of $80.00 per day.

The per diem herein provided for shall be granted only for the duration for the official trip, including travel time as defined in Section 20 hereof."

SEC. 4. Section 21, Title III of Executive Order No. 129 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 21. Pre-Travel Expenses. – The grantee or trainee shall be provided allowance of P600 for local transportation fares to and from and within Metro Manila; medical examination; processing for the issuance of passport and travel tax exemption including incidental expenses for

photographs, affidavits, certificate of birth and other related expenses; airport expenses excluding fees for excess baggage; and local porterage at customary rates."

SEC. 5. The Special Committee on Scholarships, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management, shall conduct periodic review of the rates of allowances, per diem and other expenses mentioned in the preceding sections for its implementation. The Committee tasked with the administration and enforcement of Executive Order No. 129, as amended, shall promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations. Such rules and regulations shall become effective fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

SEC. 6. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 21st day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1989). *[Executive Order Nos.: 171 - 390].* Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 368
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 329, SERIES OF 1988, ENTITLED "CREATING APPRAISAL COMMITTEES IN THE METROPOLITAN MANILA AREA, DEFINING THEIR GENERAL FUNCTIONS, AND PRESCRIBING THEIR PROCEDURES"

By virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order that Executive Order No. 329, Series of 1988, entitled "Creating Appraisal Committees in the Metropolitan Manila Area, Defining Their General Functions, and Prescribing Their Procedures", be amended to include the Assessor of the Municipality where the property subject of evaluation is located as member of the Municipal Appraisal Committee in Metropolitan Manila.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 24th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 369
RECONSTITUTING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE APPRAISAL COMMITTEES CREATED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 132 DATED DECEMBER 27, 1937, AS AMENDED, AND EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 329 DATED JULY 11, 1988, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Commission on Audit has requested that auditors be excluded from the composition of the Appraisal Committees provided under Executive Order No. 132, S. of 1937, as amended, and Executive Order No. 329, S. of 1988, as amended, to maintain the independence of the Commission in reviewing the decisions made by the Committees in the course of audit;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby reconstitute the membership of the Appraisal Committees created under Executive Order No. 132 dated December 27, 1937, as amended, and Executive Order No. 329 dated July 11, 1988, as amended, by replacing the Provincial, City and Municipal Auditors in the Appraisal Committees with the Provincial, City and Municipal Treasurers.

Executive Order No. 132, S. of 1937, as amended, and Executive Order No. 329, S. of 1988, as amended, are hereby further amended accordingly.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 14th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 370

ESTABLISHING THE PROGRAM TO REFOCUS ORIENTATION FOR THE POOR (PRO-POOR) IN LOW INCOME MUNICIPALITIES (LIMs), PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF, ENJOINING THE ACTIVE SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS (RDCs), AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) THERETO AND FOR OTHER SIMILAR PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Art. II. Sec. 9 of the 1987 Constitution provides, that "The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living and an improved quality of life for all";

WHEREAS, the 1988 Family Income and Expenditures Survey (FIES) shows that there has not been any significant improvement in the income share of the bottom 30% of the population;

WHEREAS, the government has identified poverty alleviation as a major thrust;

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing, there is need to, among others, focus government action to respond immediately to the needs of the depressed communities, initially in the rural areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Program to Refocus Orientation for the Poor (PRO-POOR). There is hereby established the Program to Refocus Orientation for the Poor (PRO- POOR), hereinafter referred to as the Program.

SEC. 2. Program Objective. The Program shall foster and accelerate the socio-economic growth and development in Low Income Municipalities (LIMs) and improve the quality of life therein.

SEC. 3. Program Coverage. (a) The Program shall target approximately four hundred fifty (450) LIMs following a phased approach covering a period of three (3) years. An initial list of municipalities shall be selected and identified on the basis of poverty-related criteria. The drawing up of the list shall be undertaken in consultation with the Local Government Executives (LGEs) and the Regional Development Council (RDC) Chairmen. New municipalities shall be added to the target LIMs in subsequent targeting activities from 1990 to 1992.

(b) The activities shall target the achievement of coordinated improvement in the delivery of public services to the LIMs. Specially, the Program calls for national and local agencies to focus an expanding coverage, raising quality, or increasing the effectiveness of these services with both large and important short-term and long- term impact on community development. It shall likewise adopt structures and procedures which are consistent with the stated national policies of decentralization and local autonomy.

(c) The Program shall be municipal-based in terms of planning, consultation, prioritization, and implementation. Emphasis shall be on managing local resources including resources made available to localities, ensuring that the projects are consistent with the development goals of the municipality, and widening community participation to provide impetus and direction for future action.

SEC. 4. Program Implementation. (a) The Program implementation shall involve agencies with municipal-based units, namely: Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Department of Local Government (DLG), Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and Philippine Constabulary-Integrated National Police (PC-INP); as well as those agencies with capabilities for responding to municipal needs but have units based at the regions, provinces, or cluster of municipalities, namely: Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA), National Irrigation Administration (NIA), National Electrification Administration (NEA), and Philippine Information Agency (PIA). These agencies shall form a core team to assist the mayor who shall assume a lead role in the implementation of the Program.

(b) The heads of the aforecited agencies shall issue the necessary orders to ensure the full implementation by their agencies of the Program in the targetted municipalities. They are hereby directed to undertake the necessary preparations, training and orientation of their respective staff for the implementation of the Program.

(c) The agencies concerned shall recommend the necessary realignment/reallocation of their respective resources to pursue the priorities of the Program.

(d) The Department of Local Government shall undertake an assessment of the mayors of LIMs included in the initial list of targetted municipalities in terms of their willingness and readiness to implement the Program.

(e) Concerned Local Government Executives (LGEs) are enjoined to extent full cooperation to and support for the Program.

SEC. 5. Creation of a Standing Committee. There is hereby created a Standing Committee for the Program to be headed by the Presidential Adviser on Rural Development as Chairman with a senior representative each of the seventeen (17) implementing agencies as members. The Standing Committee shall monitor and report to the Office of the President the status of implementation of the Program.

SEC. 6. Functions of the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee shall have the following functions:

1. Identify the LIMs which shall be included in the first phase of the Program;
2. Formulate the detailed overall guidelines and time-table for program mobilization and implementation;
3. Prepare and submit to the President and the Cabinet, after 6 months, a report on the status of program implementation and submit regular quarterly reports thereafter;
4. Provide the forum for the resolution of operational issues and problems on a continuing basis;
5. Provide technical advice and support to the agencies implementing the Program;
6. Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the President.

SEC. 7. Staff Support. Technical and Secretariat services to the Standing Committee shall be provided by the Office of the President which shall be the central monitoring arm of the Program. Staff activities shall incl ude coordination with the implementing agencies, evaluation, review and consolidation of reports submitted by the agencies, and regular visits to municipalities covered by the Program.

SEC. 8. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 25th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 371

DIRECTING UNEQUIVOCAL COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 5(4), ARTICLE XVI, OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION PROVIDING THAT "NO MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES IN THE ACTIVE SERVICE SHALL, AT ANY TIME, BE APPOINTED OR DESIGNATED IN ANY CAPACITY TO A CIVILIAN POSITION IN THE GOVERNMENT INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS OR ANY OF THEIR SUBSIDIARIES"

I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

1. All departments, bureaus, offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the Government, including government-owned or controlled corporations or any of their subsidiaries, shall comply unequivocably with Section 5(4), Article XVI, of the 1987 Constitution providing that "No member of the armed forces in the active service shall, at any time, be appointed or designated in any capacity to a civilian position in the Government including government-owned or controlled corporations or any of their subsidiaries."

2. Executive Order No. 41, dated September 2, 1966, "Promulgating Rules And Regulations Governing The Detail Or Assignment Of Military Personnel to Civilian Offices and Officials," is hereby reiterated, Provided, That such permissible detail/assignment shall not, directly or indirectly, be practiced as a prohibited appointment/designation envisaged by the Constitution.

3. For purposes of this Executive Order, a civilian position means:

(a) A plantilla item where the Civil Service Commission has prescribed the corresponding qualifications and civil service eligibilities for appointment thereto;

(b) A Career Executive Service (CES) position where the position and compensation are prescribed by law and regulations; or

(c) Although non-plantilla or a non-CES position, the very nature of the job does not require military training, experience and/or expertise or the functions of the position are obviously civilian in nature.

4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 28th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 372

MODIFYING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES AS PROVIDED UNDER THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, AS AMENDED, IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE MINIMUM 90% MARGIN OF PREFERENCE ON CERTAIN PRODUCTS INCLUDED IN THE ASEAN INDUSTRIAL JOINT VENTURES (AIJV), WHERE THE PHILIPPINES IS PARTICIPATING, AS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE III PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 6 OF THE REVISED BASIC AGREEMENT ON AIJV

WHEREAS, the Third ASEAN Summit in December 1987 agreed to a further deepening of the margin preference (MOP) from a minimum of 75 percent to 90 percent under the Revised Basic Agreement on the ASEAN Industrial Joint Ventures (BAAIJV);

WHEREAS, Article III, paragraphs 1 and 6 of the Revised BAAIJV provides that the 90 percent MOP shall be extended within 90 days of the relevant AIJV projects' commercial operations or within 90 days approval for the inclusion of the said projects in the ASEAN Product List (APL), whichever comes first;

WHEREAS, Article VI of the Revised BAAIJV provides that the Agreement shall take effect 30 days after the deposit of the Sixth Instrument of Ratification;

WHEREAS, the Revised BAAIJV was concurred in and adopted by the Philippine Senate on 18 October 1988 as per Senate Resolution No. 43, and that the President subsequently signed the Instrument of Ratification on 24 January 1989, after which it was deposited as the sixth instrument of ratification with the ASEAN Secretary-General in March 1989;

WHEREAS, slaughtered meat and mechanical and power rack and pinion steerings and constant velocity joints are existing AIJV products already granted a 75 percent margin of preference (MOP) as per Executive Order No. 281 dated 25 July 1987;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, pursuant to the powers vested in me under Section 402 of the Tariff and Customs Code, as amended, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed hereunder as classified under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, shall be accorded 90% Margin of Preference (MOP) as specified in Column 5. In effect, such articles shall be subject to the Preferential Tariff for ASEAN in accordance with the schedule indicated opposite each article as specified in Column 6.

CCCN No.	HS No.	Description of Product	Rate of Duty	Margin of Preference	ASEAN Preferential
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	Tariff (6)
02.01 100	0201.10 00) 0201.20 00) 0202.10 00) 0202.20 00)	Meat of bovine animals, with bone in	20%	90%	2%
02.01 200	0201.30 00) 0202.30 00)	Meat of bovine animals, boneless	20%	90%	2%

ex87.06 900	ex8708.99 90	Mechanical and power rack and pinion steerings including tie rods, ball joints and linkages and/or finished, semi-finished parts and sub-assemblies thereof	30%	0%	3%
ex 87.06 900	ex 8708.99 90	Constant velocity joints (fixed and plunging types) and/or finished parts, semi-finished parts and sub-assemblies thereof	30%	90%	3%

SEC. 2. The Margin of Preference (MOP) herein provided on meat of bovine animals (slaughtered meat) shall be accorded to the AIJV entity in Thailand effective up to 9 May 1989 while the MOP herein provided on mechanical and power rack and pinion steerings and on constant velocity joints shall be accorded the AIJV entities in Malaysia effective up to August 1990 and November 1990, respectively. Also, as provided under Article III, 3a and 8a of the Revised BAAIJV, the exclusive application of the MOP among AIJV participating countries shall be extended from four (4) to eight (8) years if the non-participating country(ies) do not extend the same MOP within the period of the fifth (5th) to the eight (8th) year. Moreover, entities in the participating countries which are not AIJVs but produce the same products can avail of the MOP after the first four (4) years exclusivity period.

SEC. 3. The ninety per centum (90%) MOP accorded under this Executive Order to the accredited AIJV entities in Thailand and Malaysia shall remain effective irrespective of any subsequent change in the basic Philippine rate of duty on the above-mentioned articles.

SEC. 4. After the effectivity of this Executive Order, all the above described articles, entered or withdrawn from warehouses in the Philippines for consumption shall be subject to the rates of duty herein prescribed subject to the qualification under the Rules of Origin as prescribed in the Agreement on ASEAN Preferential Trading Arrangements ratified on August 1, 1977.

SEC. 5. This Executive Order shall take effect on 12 April 1989.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 29th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 373
PROVIDING FOR THE TURN-OVER OF THE ASSETS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LIFE COMPLEX TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the President and the Cabinet resolved last May 1987 and reiterated in September 1987, June 1989, and September 1989, to place the University of Life (UL) Complex and its education and sports facilities under the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) to be transformed primarily into a center for non-formal education; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Investment Development Corporation (SIDCOR) as owner of the property has allowed DECS to direct and supervise the operation and management of the UL Complex in line with the said resolution; and

WHEREAS, SIDCOR has agreed to transfer and convey all its rights, titles and interests in the UL Complex to the National Government to settle partially its outstanding obligations relative to the flotation of the Premyo Savings Bond, and Biglang Bahay Bond Series;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1 The SIDCOR shall immediately turn over to the DECS the management, operation and ownership of all its assets at the UL Complex consisting of the following:

(1) Lot No. 3 of the consolidation subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-7778, situated in Barrio Ugong, Pasig, Province of Rizal. Bounded on the NE by Road Lot 4; on the SE and S by Road Lot 2; on the SW by Road 1; on the N by Road Lot 3; containing an area of 105,396 sq.m. and covered by TCT No. PT-72553 issued by the Register of Deeds for Metro Manila District II;

(2) Lot No. 2 of the consolidation subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs. 7728, situated in Barrio Ugong, Pasig, Province of Rizal. Bounded on the N by lot 1-E (LRC) Psd-20919, on the E by lot 1; on the S by Road lot 3, on the W by lot 13, Pcs. 3588, Escarpment Road; containing an area of 6,329 sq.m. covered by TCT PT-72554 issued by the Registry of Deeds for Metro Manila District II;

(3) Four (4) buildings housing offices, seminar and training rooms referred to as Rizal I and II, Bonifacio and Mabini, consisting of one 2 storey building with mezzanine and basement of three 5-storey buildings with an aggregate floor area of 19,774 sq.m.;

(4) Ten (10) dormitory buildings referred to as Dormitories A to J, respectively, consisting of three 2-storey buildings, five 4-storey buildings, and two 3-storey buildings, all provided with root decks with an aggregate floor area of 22.540 sq.m.;

(5) Sports facilities consisting of grandstands, tennis and basketball courts, stadium oval and track and field, swimming pools, pool grandstand and viewing rooms and related equipment and accessories;

(6) Dining halls, bakeshop, kiosk and meditation hall;
(7) Substations, airconditioning building, control rooms, switchhouses and light towers;
(8) Other structures such as dressing rooms, amphitheaters, greenhouse, covered walk and garage, art room, warehouses, guardhouses, and model housing units;
(9) Centralized airconditioning system, standby generators and PABX telephone system;
(10) All other properties of whatever kind, description or nature owned, titled and registered to the UL Complex and free from any lien and/or encumbrance, and therefore are proper subjects of negotiations between SIDCOR and the National Treasury as the representative of the National Government;
(11) All appropriations, financial assistance and donations, monetary or otherwise, already delivered and received by, or those previously earmarked for delivery as part of and due to the University of Life Foundation from the SIDCOR the disposition of which shall be governed by the terms and conditions provided therefore;
(12) All other assets and subsidiary corporations and their assets to the extent that they are determined to be subsidiaries by law.

SEC. 2. The DECS may engage the services of an appropriate corporate entity to manage the assets, income streams and expenditures, for the maintenance and rehabilitation of the Complex and its specific components and to continue the operations thereof as had heretofore been engaged in.

SEC. 3. The DECS shall transform the complex site into a center for education, culture and sports, with special attention to non-formal education and the transfer of the DECS proper to the Complex.

SEC. 4. In the meantime, the Department of Finance (DOF), Strategic Investment Development Corporation (SIDCOR), National Treasury (NT) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) shall undertake the necessary steps in order that the assets may be received by the National Treasury on behalf of the National Government, in partial settlement of the Biglang Bahay Bond Liability of SIDCOR, at a value to be determined by the Commission on Audit; the ownership of these assets in turn to be turned over to DECS and so taken up in the appropriate national book of accounts and to undertake all the necessary documentation, valuation, and transfer details as may be required to execute this transfer.

SEC. 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 17th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 374
DISPOSITION OF THE (1) BICOL RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OFFICE, (2) BOHOL INTEGRATED AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICE, (3) CAGAYAN INTEGRATED AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICE, (4) MINDORO INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICE, AND (5) SAMAR INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICE.

WHEREAS, the integrated area development (IAD) was adopted to provide a systematic and comprehensive strategy to ensure synchronized delivery of packaged development programs of the government;

WHEREAS, in line with the policy on administrative decentralization and regionalization as expressed in Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution, the newly reorganized Regional Development Councils (RDCs) and the local government units (LGUs) have been strengthened to make them more effective instruments and partners in the process of regional development;

WHEREAS, specific elements of decentralization now render feasible the shift in the institutional arrangements for the IADs, where the RDCs and LGUs concerned may now assume active responsibility and authority over the same; and

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6688 authorizes the Secretary of Budget and Management to oversee and determine the status and future of IAD Projects and tasks the same department with the winding-up activities and disposition of IAD Program/Project Offices (IADPOs);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Disposition of the Bicol River Basin Development Program Office (BRBDPO), Bohol Integrated Area Development Project Office (BIADPO), Cagayan Integrated Agricultural Development Project Office (CIADPO), Mindoro Integrated RuralDevelopment Office (MIRDO), and Samar Integrated Rural Development Project Office (SIRDPO). The BRBDPO, BIADPO, CIADPO, MIRDO, and SIRDPO are hereby abolished and their respective functions as herein indicated are transferred to the following agencies/functionaries, viz:

1. BRBDPO:

A. To the RDC of Region V (Bicol Region):

i. Coordination of the planning and management of the Bicol River Basin Development Program;
ii. Monitoring and evaluation of the overall progress and effects of project implementation in the Bicol River Basin;

iii. Promotion and encouragement of private enterprises and government agencies and instrumentalities to plan, develop, and implement projects necessary or conducive to the accelerated development of the Bicol River Basin area;
iv. Generation of support for the Bicol River Basin Development Program within and outside the Philippines on the form of grants and donation of funds, equipment, materials, and technical assistance.

B. To the respective Governors of Camarines Sur and Albay:

i. Identification of rural development projects in their respective areas that may be included in the Bicol River Basin Development Program, for approval of the Regional Development Council.
Preparation of feasibility studies for identified projects within their jurisdiction as authorized by the Regional Development Council.
Monitoring and evaluation of the status of provincial-based activity components of Bicol River Basin projects.
iv. Performance of other functions as may be directed by the Regional Development Council.

2. BIADPO: To the Governor of Bohol.
3. CIADPO: To the Governor of Cagayan.
4. MIRDO: To the RDC of Region IV with respect to regional or multi-provincial IAD projects and to the respective Governors of Oriental Mindoro and Occidental Mindoro with respect to single province projects.
5. SIRDPO: To the RDC of Region VIII with respect to regional or multi-provincial IAD projects and to the respective Governors of Samar, Eastern Samar, and Northern Samar with respect to single province projects.

SECTION 2. Interim Arrangement. Upon approval of this Executive Order and pending implementation of the reorganization, the officers and employees of the abolished IADPOs shall, in a holdover capacity, continue to perform their respective duties and responsibilities and receive the corresponding salaries and benefits.

SECTION 3. Separation Benefits. All qualified personnel affected by such abolition shall receive the retirement benefits to which they may be entitled under existing law, rules and regulations. Otherwise, they shall be paid separation gratuity equivalent to one-month basic salary for every year of service or the equivalent nearest fraction thereof favorable to them on the basis of the highest salary received, but in no case shall such payment exceed the equivalent of 12 months salary. In addition, they shall be paid the money value of their accumulated vacation and sick leave credits.

SECTION 4. Funding. Funds needed to carry out the provisions of this Executive Order shall be taken from the corresponding budgetary outlay for IADPOs under the Department of Budget and Management, as authorized under the General Appropriations Act for FY 1989.

SECTION 5. Implementing Authority of the Department of Budget and Management. The Secretary of Budget and Management, in consultation with the Program Director or his equivalent of the abolished IADPOs, shall issue such rules, regulations, guidelines, and other issuances as may be necessary to ensure the effective implementation of the provisions of this Executive Order.

SECTION 6. The Department of Budget and Management in coordination with the National Economic and Development Authority shall ensure that agencies concerned observe strictly all the terms and conditions embodied in Loan Agreements executed between the foreign funding institutions and the Philippine Government involving IAD projects.

SECTION 7. Suppletory Application of Existing Issuances. The provisions of Executive Order No. 363, series of 1989, and other issuances not inconsistent with this Executive Order shall have suppletory effect.

SECTION 8. Repealing Clause. All orders, rules, regulations, other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. Effectivity Clause. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately on approval.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 30th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1989). *[Executive Order Nos.: 171 - 390]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 375
CONSTITUTING THE COTABATO-AGUSAN RIVER BASIN PROGRAM OFFICE AS A PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

WHEREAS, the Cotabato-Agusan River Basin Development Program has a geographic multi-regional coverage embracing water resources and related development activities;

WHEREAS, the coordination and supervision of the planning and implementation of specific projects on the Cotabato-Agusan River Basin are presently undertaken by the Cotabato-Agusan River Basin Program Office, which is attached to the Department of Public Works and Highways; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to integrate such multi-regional activities into one organizational framework under the Department of Public Works and Highways, which has primary responsibility over the infrastructure sector;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and direct:

SECTION 1. Disposition of the Cotabato-Agusan River Basin Program Office. The Cotabato-Agusan River Basin Program Office is hereby constituted as a Project Management Office under the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SECTION 2. Funding. The budgetary outlay for FY 1989 of the Cotabato-Agusan River Basin Program Office as provided under Republic Act No. 6688 shall be released to the Department of Public Works and Highways. Succeeding appropriations for the project Management Office shall be provided under the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SECTION 3. Repealing Clause. All orders, rules, regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. Effectivity Clause. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 30th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 376
ESTABLISHING THE REGIONAL PROJECT MONITORING AND EVALUATION SYSTEM (RPMES), SETTING FORTH ITS OBJECTIVES, DEFINING ITS SCOPE AND COVERAGE, REQUIRING THE FORMULATION OF A MANUAL OF OPERATIONS AND FOR OTHER SIMILAR PURPOSES

WHEREAS, in pursuit of the government's decentralization policy, efforts are directed to make institutions more effective and more responsive to the needs and conditions of local communities by bringing decision making and action at the local level;

WHEREAS, decentralization shall be effected meaningfully in all aspects of plan implementation;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to synchronize planning, programming and budgeting and to complement the devolution efforts already ongoing in the institutional processes for development planning and policy formulation, programming, budgeting, with decentralization efforts in plan and project monitoring and evaluation;

WHEREAS, as a consequence of said policies on decentralization and administrative delegation, Executive Order No. 308, as amended, mandates the Regional Development Councils (RDCs) to monitor, evaluate, and formulate recommendations on the implementation of development plans and programs in the region;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to institutionalize a comprehensive and decentralized project monitoring and evaluation system with the kind of timeliness that is necessary in order to take a quick action on problems that are confronted in the implementation of projects at the lowest level;

WHEREAS, this has been initially effected through the creation of Project Monitoring Committees in the provincial and municipal levels under Memorandum Order No. 175, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order the establishment and adoption of the Regional Project Monitoring and Evaluation System (RPMES).

SECTION 1. Objectives. The RPMES primarily aims to expedite project implementation and devolve project facilitation, problem-solving, monitoring and evaluation to the regions and sub-regional levels, particularly to the provincial and municipal levels. More specifically, the RPMES aims to achieve the following objectives:

a. To provide up-to-date information on the overall status of project implementation for planning and budget allocation, to include employment generation of the various programs/projects expressed in man-days;
b. To identify problems/issues which impede project implementation for remedial actions at the regional and sub-regional levels and to elevate unresolved issues and problems at these levels to the Cabinet or the President for resolution and final action;
c. To integrate all monitoring activities in the region;
d. To assess and ascertain whether projects implemented are supportive of regional development goals and plans as well as national development thrusts and priorities;

e. To provide information on lessons learned in project implementation for planning and implementation of future similar projects;
f. To provide a venue for greater participation of non-government organizations (NGOs) in the development planning process.

SEC. 2. Scope and Coverage. The RPMES envisions to monitor and evaluate all development projects (economic, social, infrastructure and other development projects) at the regional, provincial, city and municipal levels. These development projects may be funded from national government and locally-generated resources.

At the national level, the monitoring and evaluation of the economic and physical performance of government corporations shall, likewise, be undertaken by the Government Corporate Monitoring and Coordinating Committee (GCMCC) to validate capital expenditure programming by the corporations under it.

At the regional level, the projects to be monitored may include projects contained in the Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP), other foreign-assisted or nationally-funded projects implemented and managed at the regional level and the regional components of nationwide projects.

At the provincial, city and municipal levels, the scope of monitoring shall include projects implemented and managed at these levels with the NALGU funds released directly to the province/ city/municipality, foreign and nationally-funded projects, and other funded from locally-generated resources.

SEC. 3. Organization. The RPMES shall be implemented by the development councils at the various levels (RDC, PDC, CDC and MDC), A Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC) shall be established under the RDC in addition to the Project Monitoring Committees (PMCs) created through Memorandum Order No. 175, as amended. At the national level, the RPMES implemented initially through the Cabinet Action Committee on Implementation Assistance (CACIA) with the NEDA Secretariat to serve as the Secretariat. At the national level, the participation of the Government Corporate Monitoring and Coordinating Committee (GCMCC) is hereby affected to monitor and evaluate corporate financial and physical performance of the government corporations under it.

The Presidential Management Staff (PMS), independent of the RPMC, shall focus on monitoring the President's commitments in the various regions.

The extensive participation of non- government organizations (NGOs) as project monitors shall be advocated at all levels. NGO membership in the provincial, city and municipal levels shall include, but shall not be limited to, representatives from either civic and/or religious groups.

At the regional level, the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Regional Director shall be the Chairman of the Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC) with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Regional Director as Co-Chairman. The Committee shall have representatives from the Department of Local Government (DLG) and non-government/ religious organizations as members. The NEDA Regional Office shall serve as the Secretariat of the Regional PMC.

The PMCs created through Memorandum Order No. 175, as amended, to implement the RPMES at the sub-regional levels (province and municipality) will each be composed of representatives from the DLG, NGOs and the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) President or PTA Federation representative. There shall likewise be established City Project Monitoring Committees with the same functions and membership, as applicable to the city. The Provincial/ City/Municipal Budget Officer will be the Chairman of the Committee with the Provincial/City/Municipal Development Coordinator as Co-

Chairman. Secretariat support to the sub-regional PMCs will be provided by the Provincial/City/ Municipal Planning and Development Office.

The operationalization of the PMCs at the various levels shall be ensured by the DBM and NEDA in coordination with the DLG.

The Project Monitoring Committees may in their discretion, consult the Commission on Audit representatives assigned to their respective areas of jurisdiction on matters falling under the functional responsibility of the Commission on Audit.

SEC. 4. Responsibilities of Entities. The specific roles and responsibilities of various units/ organizations involved in the RPMES are as follows:

Department of Budget and Management (DBM)

a. Jointly with NEDA, provide over-all direction and coordination of RPMES activities;
b. Provide the PMCs with information on project fund releases;
c. Evaluate and report on the budget performance of implementing agencies; and
d. Operationalize the creation of Project Monitoring Committees at the Regional, Provincial, City and Municipal levels.

National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)

a. Provide feedback to Regional PMCs on actions made on issues raised to the Cabinet or the President;
b. Provide the secretariat services as are here indicated; and
c. Conduct training for the operationalization of the RPMES, together with DBM.

Office of the Cabinet Secretary - OP

a. Include in the agenda of the monthly CORD-RDC Chairmen meeting with the President or other appropriate venue, issues/problems raised through RPMES that require the action of the Cabinet/President;
b. Follow-up with the Cabinet members/agency heads actions on recommendations to expedite project implementation; and
c. Provide feedback to concerned CORD/RDC Chairman on problems/issues raised for discussion.

Presidential Management Staff (PMS) - OP

a. Monitor compliance with President's commitments in the various regions, independently of the RPMC

Government Corporate Monitoring and Coordinate Committee (GCMCC)

a. Monitor and evaluate financial and physical performance of government corporations under it.

Project Implementators (Regular agencies, non-financial government-owned/controlled corporations and local government units)

a. Submit list of projects for implementation during the year to the monitoring committees using suggested initial report forms;
b. Submit periodic reports to the monitoring committee on the status of project implementation based on suggested reporting form;
c. Provide authorized monitors access to more detailed information on project implementation (e.g. work program);

d. Submit to the next higher level of the line agency reports on status of project implementation; and
e. Implement/institute remedial measures on problems/issues identified as suggested by the development council.

NGO Authorized Monitors
a. Assist the PMC or development council in monitoring and evaluation of projects by identifying implementation problems or outstanding performance through project exception reports;
b. Ensure effective/efficient implementation of projects through vigilance; and
c. Act as government partners in ensuring transparency in project implementation.

Project Monitoring Committee
a. Provide list of project to be monitored to NGOs involved in project monitoring;
b. Collect and process reports of implementors and NGO monitors on the status of project implementation for the development council and next higher level project monitoring committee;
c. Pinpoint problems, verify, information and recommend remedial measures to be submitted for analysis and action of the development council;
d. Provide feedback on the remedial actions of the development council and follow-up their implementation;
e. Prepare and disseminate periodic (monthly or quarterly) project monitoring reports on the status of project implementation; and
f. Elevate the higher level bodies problems/issues which are not resolved at their level.

Development Councils (RDC, PDC, CDC, MDC)
a. Supervise and coordinate activities of the PMCs;
b. Assess problems encountered in project implementation and provide remedial action possible at their levels or refer problems/issues to appropriate units or development council;
c. Evaluate the implementation of projects and derive lessons for future planning and project implementation;
d. Provide policy direction in planning and budget allocation based on the overall status of project implementation;
e. Report on the status of project implementation to appropriate bodies (President, Cabinet, Congress, etc.) for information or action; and
f. Inform PMCs of action taken on problems referred to appropriate units (i.e., Cabinet, OP).

Department of Local Government
a. Coordinate with the DBM in creating and operationalizing the PMCs at the municipal, city and provincial levels;
b. Ensure expanded scope of monitoring and evaluation (provided by MO 175, as amended) to include other development projects specified under this Executive Order; and
c. Assist the DBM and NEDA in the conduct of training for the RPMES.

The reports herein required shall include as part of its reporting formats employment generation of the various programs/projects expressed in man-days.

SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Secretary of Budget and Management, jointly with the Director-General of NEDA, shall promulgate the rules and regulations to effectively implement the provisions of this Executive Order.

SEC. 6. RPMES Manual of Operations. A Manual of Operations to implement the RPMES shall be formulated jointly by the DBM, NEDA, DLG and other concerned agencies for the effective and efficient implementation of the same for the guidance of all.

Trainings/Workshops on the use of the RPMES Manual of Operations shall be conducted within the next six months.

SEC. 7. Funding. Funds needed to implement the RPMES shall be made available from sources to be recommended by the DBM, with the approval of the President. Subsequent funding requirements of the RPMES such as granting of financial incentives to NGO monitors, training, capability-building and other administrative costs shall be provided in the General Appropriations Act under the Regional Development Fund. The funds for the RPMES shall be administered by the DBM.

SEC. 8. Rescission Clause. All orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked or modified accordingly. However, this Executive Order should complement Memorandum Order No. 175, as amended, which provides for, among others, the creation of Project Monitoring Committees.

SEC. 9. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 2nd day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 377
PROVIDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR COORDINATING THE HANDLING OF THE BASES ISSUE AND CREATING THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON THE BASES FOR THE PURPOSE

WHEREAS, the complexity of the bases issues requires many actions and decisions involving many departments and offices of the Executive Branch;

WHEREAS, the bases issue requires due consideration of the views of Congress, the communities directly affected by the disposition of the bases, and various sectoral groups concerned with the impact of foreign military facilities on national development;

WHEREAS, the Constitutional provision, Article XVIII, Section 25, that:

> "After the expiration in 1991 of the Agreement between the Republic of the Philippines and the United States of America concerning Military Bases, foreign military bases, troops, or facilities shall not be allowed in the Philippines except under a treaty duly concurred in by the Senate and, when the Congress so requires, ratified by a majority of the votes cast by the people in a national referendum held for that purpose, and recognized as a treaty by the other contracting State",

requires urgent action by the government;

WHEREAS, to assure that the entire Executive Branch responds to these matters with efficiency and effectiveness for the protection of national sovereignty and the interests of the Filipino people, it is necessary to provide arrangements to address the bases issue;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Creation*.—There is hereby created the President's Committee on the Bases, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, composed of the following:

Hon. Catalino Macaraig, Jr.	—	*Chairman*
Hon. Alfredo R. A. Bengzon	—	*Vice-Chairman*
Hon. Raul S. Manglapus	—	*Member*
Hon. Fidel V. Ramos	—	*Member*
Hon. Franklin M. Drilon	—	*Member*
Hon. Fulgencio S. Factoran, Jr.	—	*Member*
Hon. Rafarel N. Ileto	—	*Member*
Hon. Edilberto de Jesus	—	*Member*
Hon. Bren Z. Guiao	—	*Member*
Hon. Jose V. Abueva	—	*Member*
Hon. Delfin Lazaro	—	*Member*
Hon. Ramon del Rosario, Jr.	—	*Member*

Sec 2. *Functions*.—The Committee shall have the following functions:

1. To plan the comprehensive action response of the government to the bases issue, ensuring that the multiple questions raised by the foreign military facilities are addressed in the light of national interest;
2. To provide mechanisms for obtaining the views of Congress, other agencies of government, the communities directly affected by the disposition of foreign military facilities, and all other sectors concerned with the bases issue;
3. To receive and review the recommendations presented by the Legislative-Executive Bases Council for the purpose of their implementation;
4. To prepare the government to implement whatever decisions are reached in the exploratory talks; and
5. To carry out such other functions that the President may assign from time to time.

Sec 3. *Secretariat*.—The Office of the Peace Commissioner shall act as the Secretariat for the Committee.

Sec 4. *Budget*.—The Office of the President shall allocate the funds necessary for the operations of the Committee chargeable against its appropriations, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Sec 5. *Effectivity*.—This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 3rd day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 378
CONSTITUTING THE COMMITTEE ON THE REMITTANCE SYSTEM
FOR FILIPINO OVERSEAS WORKERS

WHEREAS, the Filipino overseas workers have contributed significantly to the country's economic recovery;

WHEREAS, despite the government's efforts to encourage these workers to remit their earnings through official channels, the greater percentage of their earnings is still coursed through unofficial channels and does not enter into the country's official foreign exchange system;

WHEREAS, the government recognizes the need to provide for a fast and reliable remittance system for Filipinos overseas that will ensure speedy delivery to the beneficiaries and afford protection to these Filipinos;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. There is hereby constituted the Committee on Remittance System for Filipino Overseas Workers, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, to be composed of the Executive Secretary as Chairman and the Secretary of Labor and Employment and the Governor of Central Bank of the Philippines as members.

The Committee may invite heads of other departments, agencies/organizations to participate in its deliberations in the pursuance of its objectives.

SECTION 2. The primary objective of the Committee shall be to improve the remittance system for the Filipino overseas workers through the official exchange channels.

SECTION 3. This Committee shall have the following functions:

a. to adopt policies and programs which shall attract increased remittance of the earnings of Filipino overseas workers and tap the vast potentials of the said foreign exchange source;
b. to approve and confirm the adoption of a package of incentives to Filipino overseas workers to encourage them to remit their earnings through official channels;
c. to approve and confirm the adoption of a package of services and incentives that will attract and encourage the banking institutions to actively participate in the government's programs on improving dollar remittances of overseas workers; and,
d. to approve and confirm the adoption of measures to be undertaken by appropriate government and quasi-government offices/institutions in support of the Committees programs,

all subject to the approval of the President.

SECTION 4. A Technical Staff shall be created to support the Committee to be headed by Mr. Vitaliano N. Nañagas II, President, Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation as Action Officer and assisted by Mrs. Ma. Leonora Vasquez-de Jesus, Assistant Secretary, Department of Labor and Employment and Mr. Mario Padilla, Assistant Executive Secretary for Budget and Corporate Affairs,

Office of the President, and representatives from other government agencies and corporations as the Action Officer may deem fit and necessary.

The functions of the Technical Staff are as follows:

a. To conduct research and studies, seek and secure the assistance of any office, agency or instrumentality of the government, prepare programs and plans, and provide advice and recommendations to the Committee as may be necessary for the formulation of policies affecting and relating to its functions;
b. To initiate, coordinate and integrate activities with other offices and instrumentalities of the government concerning strategies to be adopted in the conduct of a sustained information campaign to be waged through our diplomatic and consular offices and abroad;
c. To draw up, install and maintain a monitoring system that would observe and gauge effectively the progress of the public and private sector's initiatives in furtherance of the purposes and objectives of this Executive Order;
d. To prepare and promulgate such rules and regulations to serve as guidelines for the implementation of this Executive Order; and,
e. To perform such other tasks as the Committee may direct.

SECTION 5. The Office of the President shall provide the necessary funds for the implementation of this Executive Order.

SECTION 6. All orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By authority of the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 379
REALIGNING THE FUNCTIONS OF SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OVER THE INTEGRATED NATIONAL POLICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 31, CHAPTER 10, BOOK III OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292

WHEREAS, the Constitution, in its Article XVI, Section 6, provides, that:

> The State shall establish and maintain one police force, which shall be national in scope and civilian in character, to be administered and controlled by a national police commission. The authority of local executives over the police units in their jurisdiction shall be provided by law;

WHEREAS, under Book IV, Title VIII, Subtitle II, Chapter 1, Section 18 of the Administrative Code of 1987, the Integrated National Police shall be under the supervision and control of the Department of National Defense, and under Chapter 11, Section 63, the Integrated Police Force shall be under the Department of National Defense;

WHEREAS, under Section 67 of the same Book, Title, Subtitle and Chapter of the Administrative Code of 1987, the Integrated National Police shall be subject to the command and supervision of the President and shall function directly under the Secretary of National Defense;

WHEREAS, under Book III, Chapter 10, Section 31 of the Administrative Code of 1987, the President is given continuing authority to reorganize her office and for which purpose she is authorized to take certain actions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. In the exercise of its powers to maintain peace, law, order and public safety, the Integrated National Police (INP) shall be subject to the command, supervision and control of the President and shall function as such under the Office of the President.

SEC. 2. The National Police Commission shall exercise administrative control and supervision over all units of the Integrated National Police (INP).

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 24th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1989). *[Executive Order Nos.: 171 - 390]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 380
REVISING THE LEVELS OF AUTHORITY ON APPROVAL OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to expedite the implementation of the developmental projects of the government;

WHEREAS, in line with the government's policy of decentralization and administrative delegation of functions, the various departments and government-owned or controlled corporations may be provided with greater authority and responsibility in the approval of contracts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Removal of ceilings for bidded infrastructure contracts and revising the ceilings for negotiated infrastructure contracts. Pursuant to Section 2 of Executive Order No. 164, S. of 1987, the ceilings of approving authority for government infrastructure contracts are hereby revised by authorizing the Secretaries of all Departments and the governing boards of government-owned or controlled corporations:

1. To enter into infrastructure contracts awarded through public bidding regardless of the amount involved;

2. To enter into negotiated infrastructure contracts involving not more than one hundred million pesos (₱100 million) in the case of the Department of Transportation and Communications and the Department of Public Works and Highways, and not more than fifty million pesos (P50 million) in the case of the other Departments and government corporations; Provided, That contracts exceeding the said amounts shall only be entered into upon prior authority from the Office of the President; and Provided, Further, That said contracts shall only be awarded in strict compliance with Section 5 of Executive Order No. 164, S. of 1987.

Infrastructure projects shall mean construction, improvement or rehabilitation of roads and bridges, railways, airports, seaports, communication facilities, irrigation, flood control and drainage, water supply and sewerage systems, shore protection, power facilities, national buildings, school buildings, hospital buildings, and other related construction projects that form part of the government capital investment.

SECTION 2. Removal of ceilings for non-infrastructure contracts. Department Secretaries and governing boards of government-owned or controlled corporations are hereby authorized to enter into bidded or negotiated contracts of any amount for the procurement of supplies, materials, equipment and public services; Provided, That said negotiated contract is justified under any of the grounds provided for in Section 1 of Executive Order No. 301, S. of 1987; and, Provided, Further, That this Executive Order shall not be interpreted to amend or modify any issuance relative to the privatization of government assets.

SECTION 3. Applicability of Presidential Decree No. 1594, Executive Order No. 164, and Executive Order No. 301. The provisions of Presidential Decree No. 1594 and its Implementing Rules

and Regulations, Executive Order No. 164 and Executive Order No. 301, both S. of 1987, shall, except as modified in this Executive Order, continue to be applicable.

SECTION 4. Repealing Clause. This Executive Order supersedes the ceilings for infrastructure contracts provided for in Section 1 of Executive Order No. 164, as well as the ceilings for other contracts provided for in Letter of Instructions No. 620, and the Memoranda of the Executive Secretary dated June 4, 1986, March 4, 1987 and August 27, 1986.

SECTION 5. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 27th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 381
AUTHORIZING THE NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATED CONTRACTS BEYOND THE PRESENT CEILINGS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

WHEREAS, there is an urgency in the implementation of the projects being undertaken by the National Power Corporation;

WHEREAS, in view of said urgency, there is a need to authorize the Governing Board of the National Power Corporation to enter into negotiated contracts beyond the present ceilings for infrastructure projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby authorize the Governing Board of the National Power Corporation to enter into negotiated contracts for infrastructure projects not exceeding five hundred million pesos (₱500 Million); Provided, That said contracts shall only be awarded in strict compliance with Section 5 of Executive Order No. 164, S. of 1987.

Negotiated contracts involving more than ₱500 Million shall only be entered into upon prior authority from the Office of the President.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 27th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.
Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1989). *[Executive Order Nos.: 171 - 390]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 382
PLACING THE VIDEOGRAM REGULATORY BOARD UNDER THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, to maintain continuity in its operations, it is necessary that the Videogram Regulatory Board be maintained as an independent agency under the control and supervision of the Office of the President;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law do hereby place the Videogram Regulatory Board under the control and supervision of the Office of the President.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 28th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1989). *[Executive Order Nos.: 171 - 390]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 383
DIRECTING EMERGENCY MEASURES TO PREVENT EXCESSIVE INCREASES IN PRICES OF CERTAIN PRIME COMMODITIES IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

WHEREAS, the rebellion has triggered temporary unreasonable increases in the prices of certain prime commodities in the National Capital Region as a result of speculation, profiteering, hoarding and other activities calculated to take advantage of the situation resulting in an artificial shortage of supply of said commodities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby direct the Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry to impose price ceilings on certain commodities in the National Capital Region and to take such measures as may be appropriate to ensure the availability of, and reasonable prices of, said commodities.

The prime commodities and their respective price ceilings are hereby set as follows:

1.	
NFA	P 7.00/kilo
Regular Milled	P 8.00/kilo
Well-Milled	P 9.00/kilo
2. Canned Liquid Milk	
Sweetened Filled Milk	P 12.75/395 grams
Evaporated Filled Milk	P 10.30/397 grams
3. Powdered Filled Milk	P 13.70/180 grams
	P 15.25/200 grams
4. Sugar	
Refined (With VAT)	P 14.80/kilo
Brown (VAT Exempt)	P 10.80/kilo
5. Dressed Chicken	P 55.00/kilo
6.	
Liempo	P 56.00/kilo
7. Hard Flour	P 240.00/25 kg. sack
8. Kerosene	P 4.96/liter

9. Liquefied Petroleum Gas	P 88.10/11 kg. (pick-up) P 91.10/11 kg. (delivered) P 176.30/22 kg. (pick-up) P 178.90/22 kg. (delivered) P 360.60/45 kg. (pick-up) P 365.95/45 kg. (delivered) P 400.65/50 kg. (pick-up) P 406.55/50 kg. (delivered)

The Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry is hereby authorized to review, adjust or revise the aforesaid price ceilings or the prime commodities covered as may be warranted, subject to my approval.

The Department of Trade and Industry is hereby directed to implement this Executive Order, to impose such penalties as are provided for under Executive Order No. 913, Series of 1983 as well as to institute criminal and civil prosecutions under applicable laws.

The Department of Trade and Industry is hereby authorized to mobilize and deputize all government agencies and instrumentalities including the local governments, Philippine Constabulary/ Integrated National Police, and other law enforcement agencies to strictly implement this Executive Order.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation and shall remain in effect until December 31, 1989.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 5th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1989). *[Executive Order Nos.: 171 - 390]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 384
PROVIDING GENERAL GUIDELINES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROCLAMATION NO. 503, "DECLARING A STATE OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES"

In view of the existence of the national emergency and to ensure public safety and to prevent economic dislocation as a result of the recent military and civilian rebellion, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby promulgate the following general guidelines in the implementation of Proclamation No. 503, "Declaring A State of National Emergency Throughout the Philippines":

1. The President shall issue the necessary Memorandum Order directing the temporary take over of or the operation of any privately-owned public utility or business affected with public interest upon application by the head of the concerned agency of the Government, stating thereon the requirements of public interest and the reasonable terms for the implementation of the emergency measures pursuant to Article XII, Section 17 of the Constitution.

2. In the implementation of emergency measures authorized pursuant to Presidential directives, the duly authorized head of the concerned agency of the Government shall comply faithfully with the terms prescribed by the President, employ reasonable means in order that injury to persons and damage to property shall be avoided, shall recommend appropriate measures that shall provide just compensation when proper and, when necessary, may call upon the assistance of the appropriate government agency.

3. The duly authorized head of the concerned agency of the Government shall immediately report to the Office of the President the results of the implementation of the appropriate Presidential directive.

4. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as depriving the President of the Philippines of her powers under the Constitution and laws to promulgate such orders or issuances to address the national emergency.

5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 12th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 385
EXPANDING AND DELINEATING THE BATANGAS PORT ZONE AND PLACING THE SAME UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION OF THE PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY

I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The territorial jurisdiction of the Port of Batangas is hereby expanded and delineated as follows:

Beginning at a point marked 1 on the plan located at the northeast corner of Sta. Clara Elementary School, Batangas City;

Thence to point 2 at a distance of 415 m with bearing N 30° 17′ 15.6" W;
Thence to point 3 at a distance of 395 m with bearing N 59° 42′ 44.4" E;
Thence to point 4 at a distance of 1,000 m with bearing N 30° 17′ 15.6" W;
Thence to point 5 at a distance 575 m with bearing S 61° 22′ 24.3" W;
Thence to point 6 at a distance 969.61 m with bearing N 62° 0′ 25.11" W;
Thence to point 7 at a distance of 610 m with bearing S 61° 22′ 24.3" W;
Thence to point 8 at a distance 2,736.44 m with bearing S 30° 17′ 0" E;
Thence to point 9 at a distance 1,075 m with bearing N 61° 22′ 24.3" E;
Thence to point 10 at a distance 500 m with bearing N 30° 17′ 0" W;
Thence back to point 1, the point of beginning at a distance 225 m with bearing N 61° 22′ 24.3" E, all in all, comprising a total area of 3,488,420.4 square meters or 348.84 hectares, more or less.

SEC. 2. The Batangas Port Zone as expanded and delineated is hereby placed under the administrative jurisdiction of the Philippine Ports Authority which shall, consistent with law and the regional industrial plans of the Government, implement a program for the proper zoning, planning, development and utilization of the port areas in the said Port Zone.

SEC. 3. All orders and issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 19th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 386
ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION SYSTEM (NCIS), PROVIDING THE MECHANISMS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER SIMILAR PURPOSES

WHEREAS, proper law enforcement, improved public safety and effective administration of justice require comprehensive, adequate and timely information on crimes, criminals and the operations of the Criminal Justice System;

WHEREAS, advances in computer and related communications technology now make it both practical and feasible to obtain, store, manage and disseminate such data more completely, relevantly, and effectively;

WHEREAS, the installation of a National Crime Information System (NCIS) will help in the identification and apprehension of criminals, improve the efficiency of criminal justice agencies, and ultimately help reduce crimes through better planning and use of manpower, equipment and government resources;

WHEREAS, statistics which can be derived as a by-product from the information handled by such a system can be utilized in determining the nature, causes and volume of crimes in the country; to form a basis for the study of the crime, police methods, court procedures, and penal problems; and to plan intelligently and to evaluate effectively the programs for combatting crime and lawlessness;

WHEREAS, at present, different government agencies disseminate crime information and issue clearances creating confusion and undue difficulties to the general public and other end-users, and which situation could be remedied by the establishment of a centralized coordinated network of crime information systems;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 67, dated May 28, 1967, as amended, has mandated the establishment of a uniform crime reporting system and closer coordination among agencies involved in peace and order and public safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The promotion of the development of an integrated computer-based National Crime Information System (NCIS) involving the cooperation of the five pillars of the Criminal Justice System is hereby adopted as a policy.

SEC 2. The NCIS shall have a central data base which shall contain all information on crimes, offenders, victims and other matters related to the administration of justice based on crime reports submitted by law enforcement agencies and the crime case update reports from the other pillars of the criminal justice system.

SEC 3. The establishment of the NCIS shall embody two (2), phases: Phase I, which shall include all aspects of systems development such as data base development, program development, systems test, systems evaluation and systems maintenance and manpower training. This phase shall be completed within five (5) years.

Initially, the scope and focus of such crime information system shall be the establishment of an Offender-Based Crime Information System (OBCIS) which shall monitor incidents of arrests,

dispositions, convictions, confinement and release of offenders. The Offices that shall be primarily involved under this phase are those that operate under the five pillars of the Criminal Justice System:

1. *The Law Enforcement*—Philippine Constabulary/Integrated National Police, National Bureau of Investigation, National Police Commission.
2. *The Prosecution*—National Prosecution Service, Tanodbayan and Judge Advocate General Service.
3. *The Courts*—Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Sandiganbayan, Regional Trial Courts, Metropolitan and Municipal Courts. For this purpose a Memorandum of Agreement shall be entered into with the Supreme Court.
4. *The Corrections*—Bureau of Corrections, Parole and Probation Administration, Office of Jail Management and Penology of the Integrated National Police, Provincial Jails and the Board of Pardons and Parole.
5. *The Community*—Department of Local Government, and the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

Phase II, which shall include activities concerning the development of crime information systems related to the other Offices not covered under Phase I. It shall include such activities as computer upgrading, systems development and manpower training for technical personnel of other offices concerned as systems link-up or networking is resorted to ensure an effective and efficient data communication between and among participating agencies. Phase II shall be completed within the next five (5) years.

Sec 4. The National Police Commission shall: (a) develop and promote an appropriate mechanism for integrating and coordinating the different sub-systems under each pillar of the criminal justice system; and (b) maintain a criminal justice statistics in pursuance of its principal functions of formulating a national crime prevention program and undertaking crime studies and/or researches on criminal justice and social defense and such other matters related thereto.

Sec 5. The National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) as mandated under Republic Act No. 157 shall act as a national clearing house of criminal and other information for the benefit and use of all prosecuting and law-enforcement entities of the Philippines and the identification records of all persons without criminal convictions and shall give technical aid to all prosecuting and law enforcement officers and entities of the Government as well as the courts that may request its services. Coordination by the National Police Commission with the NBI shall be through the Department of Justice.

Sec 6. The Philippine Constabulary/Integrated National Police (PC/INP) is hereby designated as the principal agency that shall provide accurate and timely crime information to support police operations.

Sec 7. The National Uniform Crime Case Reports (NUCCR) shall be used primarily for crime reporting without precluding its other uses for effective prevention and social defense.

Sec 8. The following departments/bureaus/offices shall be responsible in establishing their system of generating crime information in their respective areas of concern, as indicated below:

a. Department of National Defense

1) *Philippine Air Force Security Command* (PAFSECOM)—pertaining to violation of airport security laws.
2) *Philippine Coast Guard*—pertaining to violations of maritime laws.
3) *Judge Advocate General's Service, AFP*—pertaining to violations of the Articles of War and military laws.

b. Philippine Constabulary/Integrated National Police—pertaining to violations of the Revised Penal Code and special laws, including violations of the Dangerous Drugs Act, prisoners in city/municipal jails, wanted persons, missing persons, and others.

c. Department of Justice
1) *Office of the Chief State Prosecutor/Provincial/City Prosecution Offices*—pertaining to cases handled by the State Prosecutors, and the Provincial/City Prosecutors.
2) *Bureau of Corrections*—pertaining to national prisoners.
3) *Parole and Probation Administration*—pertaining to probationers.
4) *Board of Pardons and Parole*—pertaining to parolees and pardonees.
5) *Bureau of Immigration*— pertaining to aliens and alien offenders.
6) *National Bureau of Investigation*—pertaining to criminal and other information.

d. Department of Finance
1) *Bureau of Customs*—pertaining to violations of customs laws.
2) *Economic Intelligence and Investigation Bureau*—pertaining to economic crimes.
3) *Bureau of Internal Revenue*—pertaining to violations of internal revenue laws.

e. Department of Transformation and Communications
1) *Air Transportation Office* (ATO)—pertaining to violations of air space.
2) *Land Transportation Office* (LTO)—pertaining to violations of the Land Transportation Code.
3) *Maritime Industry Authority* (MARINA)—pertaining to violations of maritime laws and franchising of Domestic Water Transportation.

f. Department of Local Government—pertaining to crime information on prisoners confined at provincial jails.
g. Department of Social Welfare and Development—pertaining to crime information on youthful offenders sheltered in the Youth Rehabilitation Centers.

h. Department of Health —
1) *Bureau of Food and Drugs*—pertaining to violations of food and drugs laws and regulations.

i. Department of Trade and Industry—pertaining to crime information on consumer protection and domestic trade laws and regulations.
j. Department of Foreign Affairs—pertaining to crime information on Philippine foreign policies and illegal processing and issuance of passports, visas and other travel documents, as well as crimes involving Filipino citizens who have absconded to other countries.
k. Office of the Ombudsman—pertaining to prosecution of government officials and employees.
l. Sandiganbayan—pertaining to disposition of cases involving government officials and employees.
m. Supreme Court—pertaining to disposition of criminal cases in all courts.
n. Dangerous Drugs Board—pertaining to violations of RA 6125 (Dangerous Drugs Law), as amended.
o. Central Bank—pertaining to violation of banking laws.
p. Securities and Exchange Commission — pertaining to crime information on violation of laws relating to registration, licensing, regulation and supervision of corporations and partnerships, securities and exchanges, brokers, dealers, salesmen, issuer companies and financial intermediaries.
q. Such other agencies as may be mandated by law to implement special laws.

Sec 9. The Chairman of the National Police Commission, the Director of the National Bureau of Investigation, the Chief of Constabulary and Director General of the Integrated National Police, and the Secretary General of the National Statistical Coordination Board shall promulgate rules and regulations to carry out and accomplish the objectives of this Executive Order and they shall create a Technical Committee responsible for the following: (a) strict implementation of the national uniform crime case reports; (b) thorough analysis of national uniform crime case reports for policy formulation; (c) organization and operational linkages; (d) computer hardware linkages; (e) smooth transition mechanism; and (f) such other matters as deemed necessary and appropriate to implement and achieve the objectives of this Executive Order. Within 90 days from the date of its effectivity, the Technical Committee shall convene and accomplish its functions within 90 days after its Constitution.

Sec 10. The National Bureau of Investigation, the Philippine Constabulary/Integrated National Police, the National Police Commission, and the National Statistical Coordination Board shall establish linkages with agencies/offices concerned with crime information pertinent to their respective areas of information service, duties and responsibilities, as specified in SECs 4, 5, 6 and 8 of this Executive Order.

Sec 11. For the initial implementation of the provisions of this Executive Order, the necessary funding shall be taken from the authorized appropriations of the concerned agencies. Appropriations for succeeding years shall be incorporated in the budget proposals for Congressional action.

SEC 12. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 19th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 387
SUSPENDING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY OF CEMENT AND CEMENT CLINKER UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, AS AMENDED, DURING THE PERIOD OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the sharp increase in the demand for cement not only in the domestic market but in the Pacific-European regions as well has resulted in a worldwide shortage of cement;

WHEREAS, increases in the price of imported cement and clinker are expected to ensue with the continuing acceleration of demand for cement;

WHEREAS, inspite of the reduction in rates of import duty on cement and cement clinker under Executive Order No. 353 dated 27 March 1989, a further reduction to 0% in the import duty is necessary to ensure the viability of cement importation as one of the immediate solutions to the current price instability and cement shortage during the period of national emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 401 of the Tariff and Customs Code, as amended, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The rates of import duty on cement and cement clinker under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code, as amended, are hereby suspended. Until such time that the declaration of national emergency is lifted, the following articles listed hereinbelow shall have a 0% rate of import duty, to wit:

H.S. Hdg.		Description of Articles
25.23		Portland Cement, aluminous cement ("ciment fondu"), slag cement, supersulphate cement and similar hydraulic cements, whether or not coloured or in the form of clinkers.
	2523.10 00	– Cement clinkers:
	2523.10 00	– Cement clinker other than for white cement Portland Cement:
2523.29 00		– Other

SECTION 2. Upon effectivity of this Executive Order, the above articles which are entered or withdrawn from warehouses in the Philippines for consumption shall be subject to the rates of duty herein prescribed.

SECTION 3. All orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. This Executive Order shall take effect thirty (30) days from date hereof.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 26th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 388
REORGANIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY PURSUANT TO SECTION 31, CHAPTER 10, TITLE III, BOOK III, OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987

WHEREAS, the Office of the Press Secretary, which was organized under Executive Order No. 297, dated July 25, 1987, is under the Office of the President pursuant to Republic Act No. 6688, otherwise known as the 1989 General Appropriations Act, in relation to Section 30, Chapter 10, Title III, Book III, of Executive Order No. 292, dated July 25, 1987, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987;

WHEREAS, "the President, subject to the policy in the Executive Office and in order to achieve simplicity, economy and efficiency, has continuing authority to reorganize the administrative structure of the Office of the President;"

WHEREAS, the Press Secretary shall, among other functions, act as the Presidential Spokesman and attend to the information needs of the President pursuant to Section 9 of Executive Order No. 297; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to reorganize the administrative structure of the Office of the Press Secretary by separating the functions of Presidential Spokesman from the other functions of the Press Secretary;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, by virtue by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. The functions of the Presidential Spokesman are hereby separated from the other functions of the Press Secretary. Accordingly, Section 9 of Executive Order No. 297, dated July 25, 1987, is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. Provide information regarding the plans, programs, and activities of the President of the public;
2. Maintain liaison and close coordination with government departments and agencies involved in preparing and planning the activities of the President;
3. Prepare and develop communications programs and the policies, activities, and programs of the Presidency;
4. Coordinate with the various media, both local and foreign, in disseminating information regarding the affairs of the Presidency;
5. Assume full responsibility for the accomplishment of the Office's objectives and operations;
6. Establish the policies and standards for the operation of the Office pursuant to the programs of the Government and the President;
7. Promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement Office objectives, policies and functions;
8. Exercise direct supervision and control over all offices and units under the Office;

9. Delegate authority for the performance of any function to officers and employees under his direction; and
10. Perform such other functions as may be provided by law or as may be assigned by the President.

Section 2. The position of Chief Presidential Legal Counsel in the office of the President (proper), which was classified as Presidential Assistant I (rank of department undersecretary) in the Position Allocation List (PAL) of the Office of the President (proper), is hereby reclassified as Presidential Assistant II (rank of department secretary) exercising the dual functions of Presidential Spokesman and Chief Presidential Legal Counsel.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 30th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 389

AUTHORIZING OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE REGULAR AGENCIES/OFFICES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND OF OTHER GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND/OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS TO ADOPT THE RATES OF PER DIEM AND ALLOWANCES AS AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 151 DATED MARCH 19, 1987, AS IMPLEMENTED BY NATIONAL BUDGET CIRCULAR NO. 391 DATED OCTOBER 6, 1987, AS AMENDED, AND RATIFYING FOR THE PURPOSE ALL PREVIOUS PAYMENTS MADE BY NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES/OFFICES PURSUANT TO THE SAID ISSUANCES

I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The authority granted to officials and employees of regular government agencies/offices and of other government-owned and/or controlled corporations observing the National Position Classification and Compensation Plan under the miscellaneous provision in National Budget Circular No. 391 to adopt the rates of per diem and allowances previously authorized to certain government-owned and/or controlled corporations pursuant to Executive Order No. 151, is hereby confirmed subject to the same terms and conditions prescribed under said National Budget Circular No. 391, as amended by National Budget Circular No. 391-A.

SEC. 2. Payment made by some National Government agencies/offices and other government-owned and/or controlled corporations on the basis of miscellaneous provision in National Budget Circular No. 391 referred to herein is hereby considered valid with the promulgation of this Executive Order.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 30th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and, eighty-nine.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1989). *[Executive Order Nos.: 171 - 390]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 390
RECONSTITUTING THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE ON THE PHILIPPINE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Executive Order No. 315, Series of 1988, is hereby amended to read as follows:

> "SEC. 2. Composition. - The Committee shall be composed of a Chairman who shall be appointed by the President and the following officials or their duly authorized representatives:
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> | Secretary of Finance | Member |
> | Secretary of Budget and Management | Member |
> | Secretary of Science and Technology | Member |
> | Chairman, Presidential Commission on Good Government | Member |
> | Governor, Central Bank | Member |
> | Solicitor General | Member |
> | Director, Philippine Nuclear Research Institute | Member |
> | President, National Power Corporation | Member |
> | President, Philippine National Oil Company | Member |

SECTION 2. Section 4 (a) of Executive Order No. 315, Series of 1988, is hereby amended to read as follows:

> "(a) Legal Division, to be headed by the Chairman, and composed of the Secretary of the Budget and Management, the Chairman of the Presidential Commission on Good Government, the Solicitor General and the President of the National Power Corporation, which shall have primary supervisory responsibility for the enforcement of all claims and/or legal options relative to the PNPP."

SECTION 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 4th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1990). *[Executive Order Nos.: 171 - 390]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 391
ESTABLISHING THE PRESIDENTIAL COORDINATING SYSTEM
FOR THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established the Presidential Coordinating System for the Executive Department, to be composed of:

(a) The Executive Secretary who shall also be the Presidential Coordinating Secretary for Political and Security Affairs;
(b) a Presidential Coordinating Secretary for Agro-Industrial, Economic and Financial Affairs; and,
(c) a Presidential Coordinating Secretary for Human Resources and Public Welfare.

The latter two shall be appointed by the President with the rank of a Cabinet Secretary.

The President or, in her absence, the Executive Secretary shall call and preside over the meetings of the Presidential Coordinating System and may ask, from time to time, other Cabinet Secretaries to attend such meetings.

SECTION 2. The Presidential Coordinating Secretaries shall assist the President in the management of the operations of the executive departments, including their attached agencies, as well as in the liaison with Constitutional Commissions and offices, the Judicial and Legislative Departments. They shall report directly to the President on matters falling within their areas of responsibility.

The Presidential Coordinating Secretaries shall be members of the National Economic and Development Authority Board.

SECTION 3. (a) The Presidential Coordinating Secretary for Political and Security Affairs shall be responsible for monitoring, coordinating and facilitating the operation and activities of the Departments of Foreign Affairs, National Defense, Justice, Local Government, and other offices involved in peace and order, law enforcement, national security, good government, public ethics and accountability as well as for maintaining close liaison with the Constitutional Commissions and offices and the Judicial and Legislative Departments.

(b) The Presidential Coordinating Secretary for Agro-Industrial, Economic and Financial Affairs shall be responsible for monitoring, coordinating and facilitating the operations and activities of the Departments of Budget and Management, Finance, Agriculture, Agrarian Reform, Environment and Natural Resources, Tourism, Trade and Industry, Science and Technology, Public Works and Highways, Transportation and Communications, the NEDA Secretariat, and their attached agencies as well as maintaining close liaison with the Central Bank of the Philippines and the Monetary Board.

(c) The Presidential Coordinating Secretary for Human Resources and Public Welfare shall be responsible for monitoring, coordinating, and facilitating the operations and activities of the Departments of Health, Education, Culture and Sports, Labor and Employment, Social Welfare and

Development, their attached agencies and other offices involved in public information, housing, urban and rural development and public assistance.

SECTION 4. Each Presidential Coordinating Secretary shall have such number of Deputy Presidential Coordinating Secretaries with the rank of Undersecretary as may be necessary, to be appointed by the President. The Deputy Presidential Coordinating Secretary shall assist the Presidential Coordinating Secretary in performing his functions.

SECTION 5. The Presidential Management Staff shall serve as the common administrative research and technical secretariat to the Presidential Coordinating Secretaries. The head of the Presidential Management Staff shall have the rank of a Cabinet Secretary.

SECTION 6. The Executive Secretary shall continue to act on matters referred to the Office of the President, attend to matters internal to the Office of the President, including the administration of the operations of the Office of the President, and be responsible for the offices and agencies attached to or under the Office of the President as defined by law. He shall continue to exercise the specific functions and powers provided for in Book III, Title III, Chapter 9(B), Section 27 of the Administrative Code of 1987.

SECTION 7. The Department Secretaries shall continue to perform their respective duties and functions as heads of the departments, and be responsible directly to the President for their departments.

SECTION 8. The Office of the President shall provide the necessary funds from its appropriation or any applicable appropriation in the General Appropriations Act for the operations of the Presidential Coordinating System.

SECTION 9. Nothing herein contained shall be interpreted to diminish the President's power of control of all the executive departments, bureaus and offices.

SECTION 10. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 5th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1990). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 391-A
PROVIDING FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL COORDINATING ASSISTANCE SYSTEM
IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established the Presidential Coordinating Assistance System in the Office of the President, to be composed of:

(a) The Executive Secretary who shall also be the Presidential Coordinating Assistant for Political and Security Affairs;
(b) a Presidential Coordinating Assistant for Agro-Industrial, Economic and Financial Affairs; and
(c) a Presidential Coordinating Assistant for Human Resources and Public Welfare.

The latter two shall be appointed by the President with Cabinet rank.

The President or, in her absence, the Executive Secretary shall call and preside over the meetings of the Presidential Coordinating Assistance System and may ask, from time to time, other Cabinet members to attend such meetings.

SECTION 2. The Presidential Coordinating Assistants shall assist the President, in the manner hereinafter specified, concerning the management of the operations of the executive departments, including their attached agencies, as well as in the liaison with Constitutional Commissions and offices, the Judicial and Legislative Departments. They shall report directly to the President.

SECTION 3. (a) The Presidential Coordinating Assistant for Political and Security Affairs shall advise the President for purposes of monitoring, coordinating and facilitating the operations and activities of the Departments of Foreign Affairs, National Defense, Justice, Local Government, and other offices involved in peace and order, law enforcement, national security, good government, public ethics and accountability as well as in maintaining close liaison with the Constitutional Commissions and offices and the Judicial and Legislative Departments.

(b) The Presidential Coordinating Assistant for Agro-Industrial, Economic and Financial Affairs shall advise the President for purposes of monitoring, coordinating and facilitating the operations and activities of the Departments of Budget and Management, Finance, Agriculture, Agrarian Reform, Environment and Natural Resources, Tourism, Trade and Industry, Science and Technology, Public Works and Highways, Transportation and Communications, the NEDA Secretariat, and their attached agencies as well as in maintaining close liaison with the Central Bank of the Philippines and Monetary Board.

(c) The Presidential Coordinating Assistant for Human Resources and Public Welfare shall advise the President for purposes of monitoring, coordinating and facilitating the operations and activities of the Departments of Health, Education, Culture and Sports, Labor and Employment, Social Welfare and Development, their attached agencies and other offices involved in public information, housing and rural development and public assistance.

SECTION 4. The Presidential Management Staff shall serve as the common administrative research and technical secretariat to the Presidential Coordinating Assistants. The head of the Presidential Management Staff shall enjoy the Cabinet rank.

SECTION 5. The Executive Secretary shall continue to act on matters referred to the Office of the President, attend to matters internal to the Office of the President, including the administration of the operations of the Office of the President, and be responsible for the offices and agencies attached to or under the Office of the President as defined by law. He shall continue to exercise the special functions and powers provided for in Book III, Title III, Chapter 9(B), Section 27 of the Administrative Code of 1987.

SECTION 6. The Department Secretaries shall continue to perform their respective duties and functions as heads of the departments, and be responsible directly to the President for their departments.

SECTION 7. Nothing herein contained shall be interpreted to diminish the President's power of control of all the executive departments, bureaus and offices.

SECTION 8. Nothing herein shall be construed to grant the Presidential Coordinating Assistants the power of supervision or regulation over the Departments and agencies or any line function over said entities.

SECTION 9. This Executive Order amends Executive Order No. 391, S. of 1989, and shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 14th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1990). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 392
CONSTITUTING THE METROPOLITAN MANILA AUTHORITY, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 824, as amended, a public corporation known as Metropolitan Manila was formed from among the Cities of Manila, Quezon, Pasay and Caloocan and the Municipalities of Makati, Mandaluyong, San Juan, Las Piñas, Malabon, Navotas, Pasig, Pateros, Parañaque, Marikina, Muntinlupa, Taguig, and Valenzuela, and placed under the administration of the Metropolitan Manila Commission;

WHEREAS, the President exercises direct supervision and control over the Metropolitan Manila Commission (Section 13, Presidential Decree No. 824, as amended);

WHEREAS, Article X, Sections 11 and 13 of the Constitution provide that:

> "Sec. 11. The Congress may, by law, create special metropolitan political subdivisions, subject to a plebiscite as set forth in Section 10 hereof. The component cities and municipalities shall retain their basic autonomy and shall be entitled to their own local executives and legislative assemblies. The jurisdiction of the metropolitan authority that will thereby be created shall be limited to basic services requiring coordination.
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> Sec. 13. Local government units may group themselves, consolidate or coordinate their efforts, services, and resources for purposes commonly beneficial to them in accordance with law."

WHEREAS, it is for the best interest of the constituents of the local government units comprising the Metropolitan Manila that the consolidation or coordination of the efforts, services and resources for purposes beneficial to them be administered by their duly elected local chief executives;

WHEREAS, while Congress is tasked to pass a law that will provide for the metropolitan authority on a more permanent basis, the present demands for a cohesive consolidation or coordination of basic services among the component cities and municipalities of the Metropolitan Manila necessitate an urgent devolution of the powers and functions of the Metropolitan Manila to an interim authority;

WHEREAS, Article XVIII, Section 8 of the Constitution states:

> "Sec. 8. Until otherwise provided by the Congress, the President may constitute the Metropolitan Authority to be composed of the heads of all local government units comprising the Metropolitan Manila area."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and by law, do hereby order:

SECTION. 1. Until otherwise provided by the Congress, there is hereby constituted the Metropolitan Manila Authority, hereinafter referred to as the Authority, to be composed of the heads of the four (4) cities and thirteen (13) municipalities comprising the Metropolitan Manila area.

The Authority shall have jurisdiction over the delivery of basic urban services requiring coordination in the Metropolitan Manila. These basic urban services shall include among others: land use, planning and zoning; traffic management; public safety; urban development and renewal; management and control of operations during calamities and emergencies affecting public welfare and safety; and sanitation and waste management. Any change in the classification of zoning shall however be subject to the approval of the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB).

SEC. 2. The Authority shall be governed by the Metropolitan Manila Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council, composed of the Mayors of the four (4) cities and thirteen (13) municipalities of Metropolitan Manila.

The Chairman shall be elected from among the Mayor members of the Council to serve for a term of six (6) months. The Council shall be assisted by a professional Metropolitan General Manager and three Deputy General Managers to be appointed by the President of the Philippines.

The Secretaries of Transportation and Communications, Public Works and Highways, and Budget and Management shall attend all meetings of the Council as non-voting members.

The Council shall be responsible for the following:

1. Formulation of policies on the delivery of basic services requiring coordination or consolidation for the operations of the Authority; and
2. Promulgation of resolutions and other issuances of metropolitan-wide application, approval of a code of basic services requiring coordination, and exercise of its rule-making powers.

The members of the Council shall have one (1) vote each. The Council shall establish the necessary technical, consultative and secretariat support.

SEC. 3. The Metropolitan Manila Commission shall devolve to the Authority all its powers and functions, which are not otherwise inconsistent with the Constitution and existing laws, in order to carry out its mandate to deliver basic urban services requiring coordination or consolidation in Metropolitan Manila.

SEC. 4. The Chairman of the Council shall have the following functions:

1. Call and preside at the meetings of the Council;
2. Present for the approval of the Council the annual budget of the Authority;
3. Submit the organizational structure and staffing pattern of the Authority for approval by the Council and the President;
4. Present for the approval of the Council after consultation with the local government units and the appropriate government entities the following plans and proposals: the annual operations plan, proposed policies and programs, revenue-raising measures and proposals, draft rules and regulations, and such other plans and projects necessary to carry out the purpose of this Executive Order and which require the approval of the Council;
5. Prepare and submit to the Council and to the President of the Philippines annual reports and evaluation of programs and projects;
6. Recommend to the President and Congress, with the approval of the Council, measures which will improve the quality of life of the people in Metropolitan Manila or which will introduce services not covered by this Executive Order which are necessary for the betterment of Metropolitan Manila;

7. Recommend to the national policy-making bodies the implementation of plans and programs of agencies and/or local governments that conform to the regional development plan; and

8. Perform such other functions as may be required by law, by the President, or by the Council of the Authority in accordance with this Executive Order.

SEC. 5. The Metropolitan General Manager of the Authority shall have the following functions:

1. Manage the day-to-day operations of the Authority;

2. Develop programs and implement projects along the policies set by the Council and assist the Chairman of the Council in the management and operations of the Authority;

3. Act as head of the technical, consultative and management staff of the Authority;

4. Assist the Chairman and the Council in the preparation of rules and regulations, the comprehensive development plan, the operations plan and appropriation measure, the basic services code, and such other measures which are necessary to help the Chairman and the Council attain the objectives of this Executive Order;

5. Prepare the annual reports and other reports of projects and programs required by this Executive Order, for the approval of the Chairman; and,

6. Perform such other functions as may be required by law, by the Council, or by its Chairman.

SEC. 6. The local government units shall continue to be primarily responsible for the administration of their respective political jurisdictions. While local governments shall be involved with specific problems and issues concerning their respective political jurisdictions, the Authority shall attend to metropolitan-wide and/or common problems or those transcending local boundaries. Local city and municipal councils shall formulate and submit city/municipal plans and priorities to Authority for integration with the sectoral and regional plans. The Authority shall provide technical assistance and guidance on the preparation of local development plans and programs to ensure conformity with the regional plan. The Authority shall review legislation proposed by the local legislative assemblies to ensure consistency among local governments and with the comprehensive development plan of Metropolitan Manila, and advise the local governments accordingly.

SEC. 7. To carry out the purposes of this Executive Order, the Authority shall submit to the Department of Budget and Management the budget for its annual operating expenses for inclusion in the general appropriations law.

City and municipal treasurers of the local government units comprising Metropolitan Manila shall continue to collect all revenues and receipts accruing to the Metropolitan Manila Commission and remit the same to the Authority; Provided, that such income collections as well as the share of the Authority from the regular sources of revenue in the General Fund of the city or municipality as local counterpart for the integrated basic services and developmental projects shall be treated as a trust fund in their books of account; Provided, further, that the remittances thereof shall be effected within the first thirty (30) days following the end of each month. Failure to remit the same within the prescribed period without justifiable reason shall subject the person or persons responsible for such delay to the penalties and sanctions imposed under existing laws. In this regard, the Council is authorized to conduct an inquiry as to the cause of such delay.

All sources of revenues of the Metropolitan Manila Commission shall remain valid and in effect, and shall henceforth pertain to the Authority.

SEC. 8. All city and municipal treasurers, municipal assessors, and their assistants as well as all other officials whose appointment is currently vested upon the Metropolitan Manila Commission shall

be appointed by the President of the Philippines, upon recommendation of the Council, subject to the Civil Service law, rules and regulations.

Other treasury and assessment personnel shall be appointed by the local chief executive in the city or municipality in accordance with existing laws.

SEC. 9. The Authority, the Council, the Chairman of the Council, and the Metropolitan Manager shall be under the direct supervision of the President of the Philippines. The President shall have the power to revoke, amend or modify any rule, resolution or act of the Authority, the Council, the Chairman of the Council, and the Metropolitan Manager.

The President shall continue to exercise administrative disciplinary jurisdiction over the elective City and Municipal officials in the Metropolitan Manila.

SEC. 10. To enable the President of the Philippines to assess the performance of the Authority and the management system of Metropolitan Manila, the Authority shall undertake a periodic review of its functions, organizational structure, and impact of its programs and projects at least once every year and submit a special report thereof to the President with appropriate findings and recommendations.

SEC. 11. To prevent disruption in the delivery of basic urban services pending the full implementation of the Authority's organizational structure and staffing pattern, all officials and employees of the Metropolitan Manila Commission including the incumbent Commissioners who shall automatically become Deputy General Manager, shall continue to exercise their duties and functions under the direction of the Authority until they have been given notice for change of duties and functions, transfer to another office or position, or termination of service. Until otherwise provided by law, the Authority shall be exempted from the coverage of Batas Pambansa Blg. 337, the Local Government Code.

All assets and properties presently in use and/or under the accountability of the Metropolitan Manila Commission and all its obligations, indebtedness or liabilities shall be transferred to the Authority subject to conditions that may be established by the Department of Budget and Management, Office of the President and Commission on Audit.

Civil service laws and regulations pertinent to the displacement of personnel affected by this Executive Order shall be strictly enforced.

SEC. 12. The Acting Governor of the Metropolitan Manila shall supervise the transfer to the Authority of such subsisting powers and functions, including the transfer of properties, assets and liabilities, and personnel of the Metropolitan Manila Commission within the period of sixty (60) days from the date of this Executive Order. Upon the effectivity of this Executive Order, the Acting Governor shall convene the mayors of the cities and municipalities comprising Metropolitan Manila and shall preside at its organizational meeting, which shall include, among others, in its agenda the election of the Chairman of the Council. After the election of the Chairman of the Council but within sixty (60) days referred to herein, the Acting Governor shall turn over the affairs of the Metropolitan Manila Commission to the Council.

SEC. 13. This Executive Order shall take effect upon approval and completion of its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 9th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1990). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 393
RECONSTITUTING THE NATIONAL ACTION COMMITTEE
ON ANTI- HIJACKING (NACAH)

WHEREAS, aircraft hijacking and other terroristic acts pose grave threats to civil aviation and the viability of the airline industry;

WHEREAS, the Philippines as a signatory to the convention on International Civil Aviation has recognized as necessary the adoption of the international standards, procedures and practices on aviation security for the safety and regularity of international air navigation;

WHEREAS, implementation of these international standards, procedures, and practices requires that the composition of the National Action Committee on Anti-Hijacking be revitalized to improve coordination of all activities related to aviation security;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The National Action Committee on Anti-Hijacking constituted under Letter of Instruction No. 399, dated April 28, 1976, shall be composed of the following:

Secretary of National Defense	Chairman
Secretary of Foreign Affairs	Member
Secretary of Finance	Member
Secretary of Justice	Member
Secretary of Transportation and Communication	Member
Press Secretary	Member
National Security Director	Member
Director-General, National Intelligence Coordinating Agency	Member

SECTION 2. The Committee shall formulate plans to coordinate, integrate, direct, control and supervise all measures aimed at preventing or suppressing all forms of hijacking or kidnapping involving civil aviation and airline industry operations; ensuring the safe and continuous operation of the airline industry and civil aviation; and handling all incidents of hijacking and all other offensive and terroristic activities.

SECTION 3. The Committee shall adopt measures geared towards a "total approach" to the problem of preventing offensive and terroristic acts directed against the airline industry and civilian aviation. These measures shall include a provision for an adequate organization for planning and implementation at all the levels; organization of a control and coordinating center in each domestic and international airports throughout the country which can effect immediate response from all tasked units or agencies, with a clear delineation of their respective authority and functions; and formulation of guidelines for the mass media in reporting incidents of hijacking and other offensive and terroristic acts in order not to prejudice the effectiveness of anti-hijacking plans and operations.

SECTION 4. The Committee is hereby authorized to call upon other departments, bureaus, offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the government and the civilian airlines for assistance in the effective implementation of this Executive Order.

SECTION 5. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as diminishing or altering the powers and functions of the Airport Security Center under Section 14(b) of Executive Order No. 125, "Reorganizing The Ministry of Transportation and Communications, Defining Its Powers and Functions and For Other Purposes", as amended.

SECTION 6. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 24th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1990). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 394
FURTHER REVISING THE BASIC ANNUAL RATES OF OVERSEAS AND LIVING QUARTERS ALLOWANCES OF FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 1285 establishes the Foreign Service Compensation Plan for government personnel stationed abroad;

WHEREAS, Letter of Implementation No. 63 provides necessary rules and regulations to be observed in the payment of compensation for personnel of the National Government stationed abroad;

WHEREAS, Section 4.3.2 of the aforesaid Letter of Implementation No. 63 authorizes the Permanent Committee created for the purpose under EO No. 495 to recommend to the President such adjustment in the DFA Index as may be warranted by changes in the exchange rates and price levels in the affected posts of assignment not oftener than once a year;

WHEREAS, the latest adjustment of these allowances were made in 1981;

WHEREAS, in view of the continuing world-wide serious decline in the purchasing power of the United States dollar against certain currencies, government personnel stationed abroad have been experiencing financial difficulties;

WHEREAS, in order that government personnel stationed abroad be provided with adequate financial means within the financial capability of the government to enable them to live in a manner befitting their representative capacity, and to uphold the prestige of the Republic of the Philippines and otherwise to represent the country with distinction and dignity, the Permanent Committee recommended the adjustments of the annual basic rates of overseas and living quarters allowances provided under Letter of Implementation No. 63;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order as an interim measure, pending the results of the comprehensive study being conducted by the Department of Budget and Management on the additional compensation of government officials and employees, the following:

Section 1. Section 4.1 of Letter of Implementation No. 63 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"4.1 The following shall be the basic annual rates of overseas allowance for government personnel stationed abroad:

Rank	Rates
Chief of Mission	$ 21,375
Head of Diplomatic Mission	
Others including those assigned as Consul-General	8,988
Career Minister (Counse or)	15,624
Foreign Service Officer, Class I	13,547
Foreign Service Officer, Class II	12,042
Foreign Service Officer, Class III	9,923
Foreign Service Officer, Class IV	8,697

Foreign Service Staff Officer III	8,225
Foreign Service Staff Officer II	7,461
Foreign Service Staff Officer I	6,580
Foreign Service Staff Employee III	6,113
Foreign Service Staff Employee II	5,310
Foreign Service Staff Employee I	4,631"

Section 2. Section 8.1 of Letter of Implementation No. 63 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"8.1 The following shall be the basic annual rates of living quarters allowance for government personnel stationed abroad:

Rank	Rates	
	With Family	Without Family
Chief of Mission		
Head of Diplomatic Mission	$ 12,491	$ 10,345
Others including those assigned as Consul-General	10,482	8,621
Career Minister (Counsellor)	7,644	6,513
Foreign Service Officer, Class I	6,786	5,734
Foreign Service Officer, Class II	6,422	5,404
Foreign Service Officer, Class III	5,538	4,602
Foreign Service Officer, Class IV	5,031	4,142
Foreign Service Staff Officer III	4,746	3,922
Foreign Service Staff Officer II	4,463	3,661
Foreign Service Staff Officer I	4,209	3,425
Foreign Service Staff Employee III	3,926	3,056
Foreign Service Staff Employee II	3,926	3,056
Foreign Service Staff Employee I	3,926	3,056"

Section 3. Funds needed to implement this Order with respect to the Department of Foreign Affairs shall be taken from the lump-sum appropriation provided for the purpose and/or savings from the Calendar Year 1990 programmed appropriations of the Department of Foreign Affairs. For those of other agencies with representatives abroad, the amount required shall be charged against their respective savings. Thereafter, such amounts as may be necessary shall be included in the budget proposal submitted to the Congress.

Section 4. This Executive Order shall take effect January 1, 1990.

Done in the City of Manila, this 15th day of February, n the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 395
ESTABLISHING THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM, PROVIDING FOR THE COMPONENTS THEREOF, AND CREATING A STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE

WHEREAS, in view of the success of the President's 1989 Summer Youth Program, launched through Proclamation No. 287, series of 1989, there is a need to make the Program an annual undertaking;

WHEREAS, to ensure the continued success of the Program, it is imperative to provide the mechanisms therefor and to create a Steering Committee for the purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Program. There is hereby established the President's Annual Summer Youth Program hereinafter referred to as the Program, to be implemented during the months of March to June of every year.

The Program shall involve Filipino youth between the ages of 15 to 24 years.

SECTION 2. Program Components. The Program shall have five (5) components, as follows:

a. Government Internship Program (GIP). The GIP shall seek to initiate its youth participants into public service by involving them with government programs and projects, through the various departments and agencies. The implementation of the program component shall be coordinated by the Civil Service Commission (CSC).
b. Summer Work Appreciation Program for Students (SWAPS). The SWAPS shall develop the values of work appreciation and ethics among college and high school students by providing them with apprenticeship and actual work opportunities in private establishments. The Program shall involve various private sector groups and employers federation and shall be coordinated by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).
c. Program on Culture and Arts. The program shall provide the youth opportunities to develop appreciation and knowledge of Philippine culture and history. Program implementation shall be jointly undertaken by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS).
d. Sports Program. The program shall provide training and instruction on various popular sports, for the enhancement of the physical well being of participating youth. Program coordination shall be undertaken by the Department of Local Government (DLG).
e. Immersion and Outreach Program (IOP). The IOP aims to instill in the youth a sense of community service and volunteerism for the less privileged sectors of the society. The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) shall be the lead agency in the implementation of this program.

SECTION 3. Program Component Coordinators. The Committee shall designate a Program Component Coordinator for each of the Program's components.

Each Program Component Coordinator shall perform the following functions and responsibilities:

a) Facilitate and coordinate the implementation and monitoring of their respective program component.
b) Formulate the objectives, mechanisms and annual targets of their respective program component, subject to the approval of the concerned agency head;
c) Prepare and submit regular reports to the Program Secretariat on the status of implementation of the Program component; and
d) Call on the assistance and support of any government agency or instrumentality, and non-government or private sector organizations on the pursuance of the objectives of the Program component.

SECTION 4. The Steering Committee. There is hereby created the Program's Steering Committee, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, composed of the following:

a.	Presidential Coordinating Secretary for Human Resources and Public Welfare	- Adviser
b.	Chairman, Civil Service Commission	- Chairman
c.	Cabinet Secretary	- Co-Chairman
d.	Secretary, Department of Education, Culture and Sports	- Member
e.	Secretary, Department of Labor and Employment	- Member
f.	Secretary, Department of Local Government	- Member
g.	Secretary, Department of Tourism	- Member
h.	Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development	- Member
i.	Director General, Philippine Information Agency	- Member

The Committee members may designate their permanent representatives in case of their inability to participate personally in the work of the Committee.

SECTION 5. Functions and Responsibilities of the Committee. The Committee shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

a. Oversee the implementation of the Program;
b. Review and evaluate the implementation of the various components of the Program;
c. Solicit and receive the support and contribution for the purposes of the Program;
d. Call upon any government department or agency for the necessary assistance and support for the Program;
e. Prepare and submit a regular report and assessment of the Program with recommendations to the President, within the third quarter of every year of implementation of the Program.
f. Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the President.

SECTION 6. Program Secretariat. The Chief Executive Officer of the Presidential Council on Youth Affairs (PCYA) is hereby directed to provide a Secretariat for the Committee. The Secretariat shall provide technical and administrative support to the Committee, and perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the Committee.

The Chief Executive Officer of the PCYA shall also act as the Overall Program Coordinator for the Program.

SECTION 7. Funding. The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) is hereby directed to set aside from the Contingent Fund or from any appropriated lump-sum fund authorized in the CY 1990 General Appropriations Act the amount of ₱500,000.00 to cover the administrative and operational requirements of the Program, the Committee and the Secretariat. Thereafter, the amount as may be necessary for the Program for the succeeding years shall be included in the budget proposal submitted to the Congress.

SECTION 8. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 20th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1990). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 396
MODIFYING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES AS PROVIDED UNDER THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, AS AMENDED, IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE MINIMUM 50 % MARGIN OF PREFERENCE ON CERTAIN PRODUCTS INCLUDED IN THE BRAND-TO-BRAND COMPLEMENTATION SCHEME IN THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY UNDER THE BASIC AGREEMENT ON ASEAN INDUSTRIAL COMPLEMENTATION

WHEREAS, The Philippines is a Contracting Party to the Basic Agreement on ASEAN Industrial Complementation (BAAIC) signed in Manila on 18 June 1981;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a signatory to the Memorandum of Understanding on the "Brand-to-Brand Complementation in the Automotive Industry under the BAAIC signed by the ASEAN Economic Ministers in Pattaya, Thailand on 18 October 1988;

WHEREAS, the Philippines, along with Malaysia and Thailand, is a participating country in the approved Mitsubishi Motor Corporation Brand-to-Brand Complementation (BBC) Scheme;

WHEREAS, at the 31st Meeting of the Committee on Industry, Minerals and Energy (COIME) held in Bangkok, Thailand on 1 - 3 February 1989, it was agreed, among others, that the Philippines will import bumper system and steering system from Thailand and Malaysia, respectively, in exchange for the country's exports of manual transmission to the said two ASEAN countries;

WHEREAS, under the Memorandum of Understanding on Brand-to-Brand Complementation in the Automotive Industry, the Philippines shall grant a minimum 50 % Margin of Preference (MOP) to BBC products approved by COIME subject to the terms and conditions set out in Section 9 (b) of the said Memorandum;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, pursuant to the powers vested in me under Section 402 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, do hereby order:

Section 1. The articles specifically listed in Annex "A" as classified under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, shall be accorded a minimum 50 % Margin of Preference (MOP) as specified in Column 7 of said Annex "A". Accordingly, such articles shall be subject to the Preferential Tariff for ASEAN in accordance with the schedule indicated in Column 8 of Annex "A".

Sec 2. The MOP herein provided on bumper system for FUSO (Models FM/FN) trucks and steering system for Lancer (Models LA/LM) passenger cars shall be accorded the Brand-to-Brand Complementation (BBC) entities in Thailand and Malaysia, respectively, effective up to 3 May 1993. Thereafter, this MOP may be granted to a non-participating ASEAN country as soon as that country extends the same MOP itself. If the non-participating country does not wish to grant such MOP and maintains such position throughout the stipulated waiver period, the exclusive application of this MOP to Thailand and Malaysia shall then be extended up to 3 May 1997.

Sec 3. Effective 4 May 1997, this MOP shall be extended to any entity in any other ASEAN member country which produces the subject BBC products, whether that country is participating in this BBC Scheme or not.

Sec 4. The 50 % MOP accorded under this Executive Order shall remain effective irrespective of any subsequent change in the basic Philippine rate of duty on the above-mentioned articles

Sec 5. After the effectivity of this Executive Order, all the above-described articles entered or withdrawn from warehouse in the Philippines for consumption shall be subject to qualification under the Rules of Origin as prescribed in the Agreement on ASEAN Preferential Trading Arrangements ratified on 7 August 1977.

Sec 6. This Executive Order shall be effective beginning 3 May 1989.

Done in the City of Manila this 19th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Reference: Annex "A"

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 397
ESTABLISHING THE SAMAR ISLAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICE

WHEREAS, Samar Island, composed of the Provinces of Eastern Samar, Northern Samar and Samar and the City of Calbayog, is the third largest island in the country;

WHEREAS, there is a need to foster self-reliance and accelerate the implementation of projects in the Island so that development efforts will be more meaningful and effective;

WHEREAS, the National Economic and Development Authority Board has approved the Samar Island Development Program (SIDP) for the development of Samar Island;

WHEREAS, the SIDP recognizes the different roles of the national offices, local government units, non-government organizations, and the private sector in accelerating the development of the Island of Samar and uplifting the socio-economic status of its population;

WHEREAS, there is a need for an effective and viable mechanism consistent with the provisions of Executive Order No. 363, series of 1989;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Establishment of the Samar Island Development Project Office. There is hereby established an ad hoc administrative mechanism under the Office of the President for the formulation and implementation of development programs and projects for the Island of Samar to be known as the Samar Island Development Project Office (SIDPO). The SIDPO shall be composed of a Project Governing Board and a Project Management Unit with principal office in Catbalogan, Samar.

Sec. 2. Composition and Functions of the Project Governing Board. The Project Governing Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, shall be composed of the Provincial Governors of Eastern Samar, Northern Samar and Samar and the City Mayor of Calbayog City; two (2) representatives of the private sector to be designated by the President upon the joint recommendation of the Regional Development Council (RDC) and Regional Development Assembly (RDA); and the Executive Director of the Project Management Unit. The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Regional Director shall be a non-voting member. The Chairman of the Board shall be elected by and from among the voting members.

The Board shall provide direction, coordination, and supervision over the implementation of the SIDP, and shall serve as a forum for addressing common inter-provincial and inter-agency concerns. It shall have the following functions:

(a) To formulate and establish the development goals and policies for the SIDP within the context of the Regional Development Plan;

(b) To mobilize support and assistance for Samar Island development from government and non-government institution;

(c) To consult Members of Congress who hail from the Samar Island on matters of mutual interest and solicit their support for priority programs and projects;

(d) To call upon the provincial, city and municipal governments and officers of government agencies and non-governmental organizations for assistance in planning and programming and in monitoring and reporting on the progress and status of the implementation of the programs and projects;

(e) To review and approve the multi-year and annual plans and investment programs under the SIDP;

(f) To oversee and coordinate the work and fund programming and project implementation of all SIDP projects consistent with existing laws, rules and regulations;

(g) To organize, supervise, and control the operations of the technical and administrative staff of the Project Management Unit (PMU), approve the annual budget for the operations of the SIDP, enter into contracts, and perform such acts as may be necessary for carrying out the functions of the Office; and

(h) To submit to the Office of the President, to the RDC and Congress quarterly progress reports on the SIDP and such other reports as may be required.

The Regional Development Council Secretariat, Region VIII, shall temporarily act as Secretariat to the Board until such time one has been duly constituted by the Board.

Sec. 3. Functions and Structure of the Project Management Unit. The Project Management Unit (PMU) shall assist the Board in undertaking the day-to-day activities of the SIDPO.

It shall have the following functions:

(a) To serve as the technical and administrative secretariat of the Board;

(b) To coordinate the preparation by the line agencies and local government units of the multi-year and annual plans and investment programs of the SIDP so that the plans and budgets are integrated with the SIDP, and submit the same to the Board for its review and endorsement to the RDC;

(c) To coordinate with line agencies, local government units, financing institutions, non-government organizations, and other concerned entities in the implementation of the SIDP;

(d) To undertake periodic review and evaluation of the SIDP and shall, for the purpose, design and operate a program implementation and benefit monitoring and evaluation system consistent with the Regional Project Monitoring and Evaluation System (RPMES); and

(e) To perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Board.

The PMU shall be headed by a full-time Executive Director to be appointed by the President. The PMU shall have a complement of technical and administrative support staff, the structure and size of which shall be determined by the Board.

Within the PMU, the respective Provincial Planning and Development Offices (PPDOs), the City Planning and Development Office (CPDO) and the Municipal Planning and Development Offices (MPDOs) shall be harnessed to assist in the monitoring and coordination of program and project implementation at the provincial and city levels.

Sec. 4. Roles of Governors and City and Municipal Mayors. The Provincial Governors of Samar Island, the City Mayor of Calbayog and the Municipal Mayors, through their Planning and Development Offices (PDOs), shall have the following roles:

(a) They shall coordinate the preparation and consolidation of their respective annual project work and financial plans with the line agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other local government units in the provincial, city and municipal levels in accordance with the guidelines and policies set by the SIDPO;

(b) They shall coordinate, direct, supervise and monitor the implementation of the approved provincial, city and municipal level SIDP Projects including projects of national agencies in their areas in accordance with guidelines and policies set by the SIDPO;

(c) They shall implement projects and activities assigned to them as specified under the approved multi-year and annual SID Program, through the respective provincial, city and municipal offices;

(d) They shall submit periodic reports on their operations and performance to the SIDPO; and

(e) To undertake such other functions as may be deemed appropriate by the SIDP in pursuit of the goals and objectives of the development projects.

Sec. 5. Role of Line Agencies. The line agencies subject to the direction, supervision and control of the PGB shall be responsible for planning, work and fund programming, and project implementation of their respective Samar Island projects and development activities. To ensure effective planning, programming and monitoring of SIDPO project implementation, the concerned line agencies are hereby directed to second the necessary personnel to SIDPO.

Sec. 6. Duration of the SIDPO. The SIDPO shall have a term of five (5) years from the date of effectivity of this Executive Order. Thereafter, all assets and liabilities of the SIDPO shall be turned over to the Office of the President for proper disposal and liquidation.

Sec. 7. Funding and Funds Flow. The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) is hereby directed to allocate from any applicable funds the amount of Five Million Pesos (P5,000,000) for personnel, maintenance and other operating expenses, and capital outlay expenses for the initial year of the operation of the SIDPO. Thereafter, the DBM shall provide the funding requirement for SIDPO operations under the budget of the Office of the President in the annual appropriations act. The DBM is further directed to release the SIDP Project Funds directly to provincial/city offices of implementing agencies and local government units and the SIDP Project Office funds, to the SIDPO, subject to the applicable accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Sec. 8. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila this 3rd day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1990). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 398
ENJOINING ALL DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES AND OFFICES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH THEIR RESPECTIVE REWARDS PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, Section 6 of Republic Act No. 6713, the "Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees", has established a system of annual incentives and rewards "[i]n order to motivate and inspire public servants to uphold the highest standards of ethics";

WHEREAS, while a Committee on Awards to Outstanding Public Officials and Employees has been created under Republic Act No. 6713 for the purpose of the system of incentives and rewards, Section 6, Rule V of the Rules Implementing the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards For Public Officials and Employees provides that:

> Nothing herein provided shall inhibit any department, office or agency from instituting its own rewards program in addition to those provided by, but not inconsistent with, these Rules.

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish in every department, agency or office rewards programs that shall motivate officials and employees to higher levels of performance in the government service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. All departments, agencies and offices of the National Government are hereby enjoined to establish their respective Rewards Programs consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of Republic Act No. 6713 and the Rules Implementing the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards For Public Officials and Employees.

Sec. 2. The Rewards Programs established for the purpose by any department, agency or office shall be submitted to the Committee on Awards to Outstanding Public Officials and Employees for approval.

Sec. 3. Cash awards to deserving officials and employees in accordance with civil service laws as may be provided for in the Rewards Programs shall initially be sourced from savings in the respective appropriations of the departments, agencies and offices provided in the General Appropriations Act pursuant to Section 55(e) of Presidential Decree No. 1177 entitled "Revising the Budget Process In Order To Institutionalize The Budgetary Innovations of the New Society". Thereafter, such sums necessary for the rewards programs shall be provided in the respective budgets of the departments, agencies and offices for inclusion in the General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila this 16th day of April, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 399
INCREASING THE RATE OF CASH DIVIDENDS TO BE DECLARED BY GOVERNMENT OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 518, S. of 1979, Section 17, provides that:

> "Sec. 17. Cash Dividends. - Each corporation shall declare at least five per cent of net earnings of each year as cash dividends: Provided, That cash dividends accruing to the National Government shall be received by the Treasury and recorded as income of the General Fund: Provided, Further, That the fraction of net earnings that shall be declared by a corporation as cash dividends may be changed by the President/Prime Minister upon recommendation of the Minister of Finance: Provided, Finally, That this Section shall not apply to the Government Service Insurance System, the Social Security System, and those government owned or controlled corporations whose profit distribution is provided for by their respective charters or by special law."

WHEREAS, to support its development projects and social services, the government must equitably share in the earnings of the government owned or controlled corporations without impairing the viability of these companies and the purposes for which they have been established;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The rate of cash dividends to be declared by government owned or controlled corporations under Section 17 of Executive Order No. 518, S. of 1979, is hereby increased from at least five percent (5%) to at least ten percent (10%) of their respective net earnings of each year..

SECTION 2. This Executive Order shall not apply to the Government Service Insurance System, the Social Security System, and those government owned or controlled corporations whose profit distribution is provided for by their respective charters or by special law.

SECTION 3. This Executive Order shall take effect (15) days following its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 24th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 400
GRANTING SUPPLEMENTAL PENSIONS TO SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (SSS) TOTAL PERMANENT DISABILITY PENSIONERS

WHEREAS, the government recognizes that SSS regular pensions to its disabled pensioners are intended only to replace part of lost income and do not consider additional expenditures that arise after the onset of disability;

WHEREAS, under present economic conditions, SSS total permanent disability pensioners need additional financial assistance for regular medication and the acquisition of necessary aids and appliances such as crutches, artificial limbs and the like;

WHEREAS, certain pensioners who are physically unable to attend to their personal needs require carer's allowance;

WHEREAS, actuarial studies show that the expected investment earnings surplus of the SSS funds for 1990 can finance a supplemental benefit of P300 a month for SSS total permanent disability pensioners without requiring additional contributions from SSS members;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Effective May 1, 1990, the total permanent disability pensioners of the Social Security System (SSS) shall be entitled to a monthly supplemental pension of three hundred pesos (P300).

SECTION 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 26th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 401
RULES AND REGULATIONS AND AUTHORIZED ALLOWANCES COVERING OFFICIAL TRAVEL ABROAD OF GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL UNDER THE CATEGORY OF CONFERENCE, SPECIAL MISSIONS, AND OTHER NON-STUDY TRIPS

WHEREAS, present circumstances warrant a review of the existing rules and regulations governing official travel abroad of government personnel;

WHEREAS, to provide government personnel on official travel abroad with adequate financial means within the financial capability of the government to enable them to travel in a manner befitting their representative capacity and to uphold the prestige of the Republic of the Philippines and otherwise to represent the country with distinction and dignity, it is necessary to adjust/modify existing rules and regulations and authorized allowances covering official travel abroad;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Coverage. This Executive Order shall govern official travel abroad of officials and employees of the government, both national and local, including government-owned or controlled corporation whose nature of travel is under the category of Conferences, Special Missions, and Other Non-Study Trips.

Section 2. Approval of the President. All official travels abroad of Department Secretaries, Undersecretaries, Assistant Secretaries, and other officials of equivalent rank whose nature of travel falls under the category of Conferences, Special Missions, and Other Non-Study Trips, shall be subject to the prior approval of the President of the Philippines. All other positions concerned shall be with the prior approval of their respective Department Secretary and his equivalent.

Section 3. Nature of Travel. Travels and assignments under this Executive Order shall cover only those which are urgent and extremely necessary, will involve the minimum expenditure and expected to bring immediate benefit to the country. Travels and assignments under this Order shall include those undertaken for the following purposes:

a) To attend conferences or seminars sponsored by foreign governments or international government organizations to which the Philippine Government is committed or invited to send representatives or participants;
b) To attend conferences or seminars sponsored by private organizations, whether international or not, invitations to which have been sent through their respective governments to the Philippine Government;
c) To conduct examination or investigation of Philippine Government agencies or affairs;
d) To undertake any other official mission which cannot be assigned to any other Philippine government official or officials already abroad.

Section 4. Transportation. In case officials and employees authorized to travel abroad under this Order are not provided with transportation by the host country or sponsoring organization or agency,

they shall be allowed official transportation which shall be of the economy class unless otherwise specified in the travel authority.

Section 5. Clothing Allowance. Officials and employees authorized to travel abroad under this Order shall be granted clothing allowance as follows:

Category	Clothing Allowance
a) Department Secretaries, Executive Secretary, Cabinet Secretary, Chairmen of Constitutional Commissions, and those of equivalent rank	$400
b) Department Undersecretaries, Deputy Executive Secretary, Cabinet Undersecretary, Members of Constitutional Commissions, and those of equivalent rank	400
c) Assistant Secretaries, Chairmen of governing boards and the general managers or the managing heads of government-owned or controlled corporations, heads of delegation with full powers, Directors of bureau-level offices, Department Regional Directors, Chiefs of Mission, Consuls-General, Counsellors, Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and other officials of equivalent rank	350
d) Vice-Chairmen and Members of governing boards and councils, the Assistant General Managers and other assistant managing heads of government-owned or controlled corporations, Assistant Bureau Directors, Bureau Regional Directors, other general officers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Foreign Service Officers, and other officials of equivalent rank	350
e) Heads of primary units and officials of equivalent rank	300
d) All other employees	300

Clothing allowance shall not be granted oftener than once in every twenty-four (24) months, and a certification shall be submitted to the effect that no clothing allowance had been received during the next preceding twenty-four (24) months. In cases where the clothing allowance previously received by the official or employee concerned was less than the clothing allowance to which he is entitled for the subsequent trip, he may be granted the difference.

Section 6. Daily allowance and reimbursable limit for hotel room rate. Officials and employees who travel abroad under this Order shall be granted daily allowance and reimbursable hotel room expense as follows:

Category	Daily Allowance	Reimbursable Limit for Hotel Room Rate
a) Department Secretaries, Executive Secretary, Cabinet Secretary, Chairmen of Constitutional Commissions, and those of equivalent rank	$100	$100
b) Department Undersecretaries, Deputy Executive Secretary, Cabinet Undersecretary, Members of Constitutional Commissions, and those of equivalent rank	90	90
c) Assistant Secretaries, Chairmen of governing boards and the general managers or the managing heads of government-owned or controlled corporations, heads of delegation with full powers, Directors of bureau-level offices, Department Regional Directors, Chiefs of Missions,Consuls-General, Counsellors, Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and other officials of equivalent rank	80	80

d) Vice-Chairmen and Members of governing boards and councils, and the Assistant General Managers and other assistant managing heads of government-owned or controlled corporations, Assistant Bureau Directors, Bureau Regional Directors, other general officers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Foreign Service Officers, and other officials of equivalent rank	70	70
e) Heads of primary units and officials of equivalent rank	60	60
d) All other employees	50	50

The above allowances for Department Secretaries and officials of equivalent Cabinet rank shall be in lieu of the $80.00 per day reasonable expenses authorized under Executive Order (EO) No. 367, series of 1989.

Daily allowance is intended to cover subsistence, incidental local transportation expenses, and other miscellaneous/incidental expenses, like porters fees, tips, and road tolls.

The daily allowance herein provided for shall be granted only for the duration of the official trip, including travel time which shall be computed according to the most direct air route, not more than three (3) days before and three (3) days after the conference or mission unless otherwise specified in the authority for the trip. Any additional time extension caused by taking a diverse route shall not be on government time or expense.

In highly meritorious cases, reimbursement of actual hotel room rate may be allowed only for Department Secretaries and those officials of equivalent rank only upon prior approval of the President and is so specified in the travel authority.

Section 7. Representation Expenses. Philippine delegations to international conferences/conventions and special missions may be allowed such reimbursable representation expenses as shall be absolutely necessary to enable them to uphold the prestige of the Republic of the Philippines, to represent the country with dignity and distinction, and to carry out their functions and objectives more effectively and only upon prior approval of the President.

Representation expenses may be incurred for necessary entertainment, contributions, flowers, wreaths, and the like, when justified by circumstances and in conformity with the generally accepted customs, usages, and practices.

Section 8. Applicability to Personnel Posted-Abroad. Officials and employees already posted abroad may avail themselves of the allowances prescribed under this Order when so instructed by their respective Department Secretaries or those officials of equivalent rank to travel outside of their country-post of assignment or when on official travel to countries over which they are duly accredited on a non-resident basis or to countries over which the post has concurrent jurisdiction, provided funds therefor are chargeable to the post allotment and no supplemental budget is requested for the purpose; and provided further that prior authority is secured from their respective Department Secretaries and those officials of equivalent rank.

Section 9. Submission of Report. Every official or employee assigned or authorized to travel abroad under this Order shall, within thirty (30) days after his return to the country, submit a report with his recommendations, if any, on the conference or seminar attended, examination or investigation conducted, or mission undertaken, to the head of his office, furnishing a copy each thereof the department head concerned and the Office of the President. In case of participation in an international conference or convention in which the Philippines is represented by a delegation, a report of the delegation shall be submitted to the President of the Philippines through the Secretary of Foreign

Affairs not later than one month after the closing of the conference or convention. Any member of the delegation may also submit a supplementary report.

Violation of the provisions of this Section shall subject the official or employee concerned to disciplinary action.

Section 10. Insurance. Any official or employee travelling under this Order shall be allowed reimbursement of premiums for accident insurance, not exceeding TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (₱200,000.00), for the duration of his official trip abroad. Under no circumstances shall premiums on insurance of personal or household effects belonging to any official or employee on official travel be charged to government funds.

Section 11. Payment of Allowance Differential. Where the official or employee travelling abroad is provided by the host government or institution with per diem, or allowance lower than that prescribed in this Order, he shall be entitled to the difference only.

Section 12. Chargeability of Expenses. The expenses for clothing allowances and other items authorized pursuant to the provisions of this Order shall, unless otherwise specified, be chargeable against the appropriations of the office to which the official or employee concerned belongs, subject to availability of funds.

Section 13. Rendition of account of cash advances. Within sixty (60) days after his return to the Philippines, every official or employee authorized to travel abroad shall render an account of the cash advances received by him in accordance with existing applicable rules and regulations and/or such rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the Commission on Audit for the purpose. Payment of the salary of any official or employee who fails to comply with the provisions of this Section shall be suspended until he complies therewith.

Section 14. Implementing Authority. The Secretary of Budget and Management shall issue such rules and regulations to ensure the effective implementation of the provisions of this Order.

Section 15. Repealing Clause. The pertinent provisions of EO No. 129, series of 1968, EO No. 421, series of 1973, and EO No. 367, series of 1989, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby revoked/repealed accordingly. Those that are not inconsistent shall remain in full force and effect.

The Cabinet Resolution of June 11, 1986, concerning the rate of allowances/travel expenses for official travel abroad is hereby revoked.

Section 16. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 26th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 402
GRANTING MEDICAL CARE BENEFITS TO SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM OLD-AGE PENSIONERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

WHEREAS, it is the avowed policy of the government to provide adequate medical care services to the people;

WHEREAS, under the present policy of the Social Security System (SSS), only active members and their dependents enjoy Medical Care benefits;

WHEREAS, SSS old-age pensioners and their dependents must likewise be assisted in their medical care expenses consistent with the policy for their counterpart old-age pensioners in the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS);

WHEREAS, actuarial studies show that the Health Insurance Fund administered by the SSS for the Medicare beneficiaries in the private sector can finance the benefits of SSS old-age pensioners and their dependents without impairing the said Fund's viability;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Effective May 1, 1990, Social Security System old-age pensioners and their dependents shall be entitled to Medical Care benefits presently prescribed in Executive Order No. 365, without need of any additional contribution.

Sec 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 27th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1990). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 403
ESTABLISHING THE TRIPARTITE INDUSTRIAL PEACE COUNCIL

WHEREAS, industrial peace is a fundamental requisite of national growth and development;

WHEREAS, industrial peace can be attained through meaningful tripartite consultations among the Labor, Employer and Government sectors in the formulation and implementation of the labor and social policies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established the Tripartite Industrial Peace Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council, composed of the Secretary of Labor and Employment as Chairman and twelve (12) representatives each from the tripartite sectors, to be designated by the President. The President may increase the number of the representatives of the tripartite sectors from time to time as the circumstances may warrant.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of Labor and Employment, as Chairman of the Council, shall convene the same at his own initiative or at the request of either or any of the sectors represented in the Council.

SECTION 3. The Council shall have the following functions:

1. To monitor the full implementation and sectoral compliance with the provisions of the Industrial Peace Accord (IPA);
2. To assist in the preparation and conduct of national tripartite conferences which the President of the Philippines or the Secretary of Labor and Employment may call from time to time to review existing labor and social policies and to evaluate local and international developments affecting them;
3. To formulate for submission to Congress tripartite views on labor and social concerns, as well as present tripartite position and views on pending relevant legislative proposals;
4. To advise the Secretary of Labor and Employment on major policies affecting labor and employment.

SECTION 4. The Department of Labor and Employment shall provide the Council with secretariat and technical services.

SECTION 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 30th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1990). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 404
EXTENDING THE EFFECTIVITY OF THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTIES ON CERTAIN ARTICLES UNDER SECTION 104 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, AS MODIFIED BY NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 8, SERIES OF 1990

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 401 of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The rates of import duties on certain articles under Section 104 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, otherwise known as the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978 as modified by National Emergency Memorandum Order No. 8, Series of 1990, shall remain in force and effect until otherwise revised.

SECTION 2. This Executive Order shall take effect beginning June 8, 1990, subject to its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 8th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1990). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 405
VESTING IN THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY TO DETERMINE THE LAND VALUATION AND COMPENSATION FOR ALL LANDS COVERED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6657, KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW OF 1988

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6657, Chapter VI, provides in part that:

> "SEC. 17. *Determination of Just Compensation*. - In determining just compensation, the cost of acquisition of the land, the current value of like properties, its nature, actual use and income, the sworn valuation by the owner, the tax declarations and the assessment made by government assessors shall be considered. The social and economic benefits contributed by the farmers and the farm-workers and by the Government to the property as well as the nonpayment of taxes or loans secured from any government financing institution on the said land shall be considered as additional factors to determine its valuation.
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> SEC. 18. *Valuation and Mode of Compensation*. - The LBP shall compensate the landowner in such amount as may be agreed upon by the landowner and the DAR and the LBP, in accordance with the criteria provided for in Sections 16, and 17, and other pertinent provisions hereof, or as may be finally determined by the court, as the just compensation for the land."

WHEREAS, the Land Bank of the Philippines employs commercial banking personnel whose professional expertise includes appraisal of agricultural properties for purposes of granting loans;

WHEREAS, the implementation of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program, particularly on the matter of acquisition and distribution of private agricultural lands, may be accelerated by streamlining certain administrative procedures in land valuation and compensation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Land Bank of the Philippines shall be primarily responsible for the determination of the land valuation and compensation for all private lands suitable for agriculture under either the Voluntary Offer to Sell (VOS) or Compulsory Acquisition (CA) arrangement as governed by Republic Act No. 6657. The Department of Agrarian Reform shall make use of the determination of the land valuation and compensation by the Land Bank of the Philippines, in the performance of its functions.

After effecting the transfer of titles from the landowner to the Republic of the Philippines, the Land Bank of the Philippines shall inform the Department of Agrarian Reform of such fact in order that the latter may proceed with the distribution of the lands to the qualified agrarian reform beneficiaries within the time specified by law.

SECTION 2. The Department of Agrarian Reform shall continue to perform its functions under Republic Act No. 6657, particularly in the identification of the priority landholdings for coverage under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program.

SECTION 3. The Land Bank of the Philippines is hereby authorized to augment its manpower resources for the purpose of implementing this Executive Order.

SECTION 4. This Executive Order shall not be construed to diminish the rights and remedies of the landowners and agrarian reform beneficiaries under Republic Act No. 6657.

SECTION 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 14th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 406

MANDATING CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO ALIGN THEIR RESPECTIVE PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM, DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM TO ACCELERATE THE AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE PROVISION OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT, AND PROVIDING THE NECESSARY IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS FOR THE PURPOSE

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program is central to the government's efforts to hasten countryside agro-industrial development;

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program, apart from accelerating land acquisition and distribution, equally mandates the beneficiaries development through the provision of physical, technical, social and economic support services;

WHEREAS, while the main responsibility for the implementation of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program lies with the Department of Agrarian Reform, certain departments and agencies are expected to be equally involved and committed to the success of the said Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Departments of Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources, Public Works and Highways, Transportation and Communication, National Defense, Justice, Budget and Management, and Trade and Industry, and Land Bank of the Philippines and Land Registration Authority are hereby mandated to review, evaluate and align their respective programs and projects with the end in view of integrating them into the major thrusts of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

SEC. 2. There shall be an inter-agency CARP Implementing Team (Team) composed of the representatives of the aforementioned agencies and chaired by Department of Agrarian Reform representative at the national, regional, provincial and municipal levels, which shall have the following functions:

a. Undertake measures to promote, integrate and harmonize the working relationship between and among the participating government agencies, non-government organizations (NGOs) and the agrarian reform beneficiaries themselves;
b. Undertake measures to hasten the generation, development and execution of CARP programs and projects;
c. Undertake measures to consolidate and maximize the utilization of available resources of government for the program;
d. Recommend measures to improve, increase and accelerate the delivery capacity of agencies for the implementation of CARP program and projects;
e. Submit a monthly accomplishment report to the Secretary of Agrarian Reform.

The Team shall convene a meeting of its members within one (1) week from the effectivity of this Executive Order and every month thereafter.

At the provincial level, the Team shall serve as the implementing arm of the Provincial Agrarian Reform Coordinating Committee (PARCCOM).

SEC. 3. All the aforementioned agencies shall immediately issue the implementing guidelines to all their regional, provincial, municipal and barangay officials, if any, to insure program integration and accelerate the service delivery capacity of these field implementing units.

SEC. 4. The Department of Agrarian Reform shall adopt a strategic and area-focused operations approach to accelerate the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program implementation. It shall concentrate its land distribution and beneficiaries development activities in 24 identified Strategic Operation Provinces (SOPs) which account for 70 percent of the land distribution workload, i.e., Pangasinan, Kalinga Apayao, Ifugao, Isabela, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Batangas, Quezon, Mindoro Occidental, Sorsogon, Camarines Sur, Antique, Negros Occidental, Bohol, Negros Oriental, Leyte, Western Samar, Zamboanga del Sur, Bukidnon, Agusan del Sur, Lanao del Norte, South Cotabato, North Cotabato and Maguindanao, without prejudice to the implementation in the remaining provinces of the country.

SEC. 5. The Department of Agrarian Reform shall implement viable agrarian reform areas development pilot projects in the 24 SOPs particularly in the low income municipalities (LIMs) identified under the Pro-Poor Program of the government and in the aforesaid Department settlement areas. In subsequent years, replication of successful pilot projects may be undertaken in other provinces and low income municipalities. To support these pilot projects, the Bureau of Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Development (BARBD) of the Department of Agrarian Reform shall intensify its beneficiaries training and social infrastructure building activities particularly in the areas of organizing, value formation, cooperatives development, capability building, enterprise development, social preparation and the like.

Project preparation activities for these areas shall be accelerated and shall be supported by the Project Facilitation Committee under the Office of the President.

Fifteen (15) percent of the CARP 1990 budget (₱1.3 billion out of the ₱8.9 billion) and in the succeeding years CARP budget as approved by the Presidential Agrarian Reform Council (PARC) shall be allocated, released to and administered by Department of Agrarian Reform for the promotion, development and organization of agrarian reform beneficiaries associations and cooperatives and the implementation of the agrarian reform areas development pilot projects. The same shall be taken out of the budget allocation of CARP agencies for extension infrastructure, research and development, database and other support services which will likewise be part of the essential components of the specific development projects.

To facilitate the implementation of development activities in the identified agrarian reform pilot projects, the Department of Agrarian Reform may call on the other Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program implementing agencies, government financial institutions, government owned or controlled corporations and local government units to assist in the implementation of these projects. The Department of Agrarian Reform may also sub-contract various sub-components of the pilot projects to private organizations, private contractors, non-government organizations and the like to facilitate implementation.

SEC. 6. Heads of all other Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program implementing agencies, and government financial institutions, government owned or controlled corporations, governors, mayors, barangay chairmen and other officials of local government units in the 24 SOPs shall provide support to the implementation of the agrarian reform development pilot projects in their respective areas.

SEC. 7. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila this 14th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1990). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 407
ACCELERATING THE ACQUISITION AND DISTRIBUTION OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS, PASTURE LANDS, FISHPONDS, AGRO-FORESTRY LANDS AND OTHER LANDS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN SUITABLE FOR AGRICULTURE

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 131, S. of 1987, has instituted the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program to develop the full potential of Philippine agriculture that will result in increased productivity and better income for agrarian reform beneficiaries, and Executive Order No. 229, S. of 1987, has provided for the mechanisms for the implementation thereof;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6657 has declared it a policy of the State to pursue the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program in order that the welfare of landless farmers and farmworkers will receive highest consideration and that the nation can move towards sound rural development and industrialization;

WHEREAS, Section 7 of Republic Act No. 6657 mandates, among others, that all lands foreclosed by government financial institutions, all lands acquired by the Presidential Commission on Good Government, and all other lands owned by the government devoted to or suitable for agriculture, shall be acquired and distributed immediately upon the effectivity of the said Act and with implementation to be completed within a period of not more than four (4) years therefrom;

WHEREAS, the government has in its inventory lands suitable for agriculture which may be immediately placed under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program as the titles thereof have been foreclosed and the prescriptive redemption periods have already lapsed;

WHEREAS, the Departments of Agriculture, and Environment and Natural Resources are authorized by law to act on the disposition of leases covering lands of the public domain, i.e., agro-forestry lease agreements, pasture lease agreements and fishpond lease agreements;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 360, S. of 1989, enjoins all government financial institutions and government-owned or controlled corporations to grant the Department of Agrarian Reform the right of first refusal in the sale or disposition of all lands owned by them which are suitable for agriculture;

WHEREAS, the implementation of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program particularly its land acquisition and distribution to qualified farmer-beneficiaries must be accelerated so that its fruits could be enjoyed by its beneficiaries at the soonest possible time;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. All Government instrumentalities including but not limited to government agencies, government owned and controlled corporations or financial institutions such as the Development Bank of the Philippines, Philippine National Bank, Republic Planters Bank, Asset Privatization Trust, Presidential Commission on Good Government, Department of Agriculture, State Colleges and Universities, Department of National Defense, shall immediately execute Deeds of Transfer in favor of the Republic of the Philippines as represented by the Department of Agrarian Reform and surrender to the latter department all landholdings suitable for agriculture including all pertinent

ownership documents in their custody, such as the owner's duplicate copy of the certificates of title, tax declarations and other documents necessary to effect the transfer of ownership. This Executive Order shall likewise apply to ownership of the following assets, as determined by the Department of Agrarian Reform in close coordination with the concerned government agency:

a. Improvements, e.g., irrigation systems, roads and bridges;
b. Agriculture processing machineries, e.g., post-harvest facilities;
c. Buildings and other physical structures, warehouses, administration buildings, employees' housing facilities;
d. Others, such as trucks and tractors, tools and agricultural supplies.

In the case of lands suitable to agriculture with pending adjudication on their ownership in court, the respective government instrumentalities shall, when legally feasible, immediately transfer and cede the physical possession and control of the same to the Department of Agrarian Reform for its subsequent transfer to the qualified beneficiaries.

Pending valuation of the property, the Department of Agrarian Reform shall immediately commence the necessary activities for distribution to qualified beneficiaries upon receipt of the documents aforementioned, or issue the notice of allocation to qualified beneficiaries to give them usufructuary control over the land in the event ownership can not as yet be transferred to them.

Thirty (30) days from the registration of the ownership documents by the Register of Deeds in favor of the Department of Agrarian Reform, the Land Bank of the Philippines, pursuant to the rules approved by the Presidential Agrarian Reform Council, shall pay the government instrumentality the value of the land. In the case of the lands under the Asset Privatization Trust, Presidential Commission on Good Government and other government instrumentalities which may opt for an alternative payment scheme, the Department of Agrarian Reform shall cause the issuance of the Credit Memo Advise from the Bureau of Treasury for such sale.

Thirty (30) days after effectivity of this Executive Order, the Department of Finance and the Department of Budget and Management in consultation with the Department of Agrarian Reform shall establish guidelines for the issuance of the Credit Memo Advise System. This System shall be applicable as a payment scheme to government instrumentalities which are mandated to turn over the proceeds from the sale of their agricultural lands to the Agrarian Reform Fund pursuant to Section 63 of Republic Act No. 6657.

Sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Executive Order, the Land Registration Authority shall submit to the Department of Agrarian Reform certified copies of all the certificates of titles under the name of the government instrumentality and the approved survey plans including the respective technical descriptions of each title.

SEC. 2. The Departments of Agriculture, and Environment and Natural Resources are hereby authorized and directed to cancel all lease agreements covering fishponds, pasture, agro-forestry lands and other lands of the public domain suitable to agriculture which have remained undeveloped within three (3) years from the date of the effectivity of the lease contract and underutilized or abandoned or in cases where the terms and conditions embodied therein have been violated, taking into consideration the requirements of due process.

SEC. 3. The Departments of Agriculture and Environment and Natural Resources, in coordination with the Department of Agrarian Reform, shall redistribute and award fishponds, pasture lands and other lands of the public domain suitable for agriculture subject of cancelled or amended lease

agreement to qualified agrarian reform beneficiaries identified by the Department of Agrarian Reform pursuant to Sections 15 and 22 of Republic Act No. 6657.

SEC. 4. All concerned agencies shall issue the necessary directives and guidelines to all their national, regional, provincial and municipal officials to ensure the implementation of this Executive Order.

SEC. 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila this 14th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1990). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 408
PLACING THE COMMISSION ON POPULATION UNDER THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, under Executive Order No. 123 dated 30 January 1987, the Commission on Population was attached to the Department of Social Welfare and Development;

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate coordination of policies and programs relative to population, it is deemed necessary to place the Commission on Population under the control and supervision of the Office of the President;

WHEREAS, Book III, Title III, Chapter 10, Section 31(3) of the Administrative Code of 1987, authorizes the President to "… transfer agencies to the Office of the President from other departments or agencies."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Commission on Population is hereby placed under the control and supervision of the Office of the President.

SECTION 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 18th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1990). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 409

MODIFYING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES AS PROVIDED UNDER THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, AS AMENDED, IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE DECISIONS OF THE THIRD ASEAN SUMMIT AND THE TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND TOURISM TO PROVIDE A MINIMUM LEVEL OF 25% MARGIN OF PREFERENCE TO CERTAIN ITEMS WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE PHILIPPINE EXCLUSION LIST AND TO DEEPEN THE MARGIN OF PREFERENCE IN RESPECT OF CERTAIN ITEMS WHICH ARE UNDER THE ASEAN PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS (PTA) TO 50% WITHIN FIVE YEARS

Pursuant to the powers vested in me under Section 402 of the Tariff and Customs of Code of 1978, as amended, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed in Annex "A" hereof as classified under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, shall be accorded a minimum level of 25% Margin of Preference (MOP) as items being introduced into the ASEAN Preferential Trading Arrangements (PTA) from the Philippine Exclusion List. In effect, such articles shall be subject to the Preferential Tariff for ASEAN in accordance with the schedule indicated in Column 5 of said Annex "A". Items listed in Annex "B" hereof as classified under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, shall be accorded additional Margin of Preference as specified in columns 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 of said Annex "B". In effect, such articles shall be subject to the Preferential Tariff for ASEAN in accordance with the schedule indicated in Columns 5, 7, 9, 11 and 13 of Annex "B". These concessions were agreed upon during the Third ASEAN Summit and the Twenty-Seventh Meeting of the Committee on Trade and Tourism (COTT).

SEC. 2. In the event that any subsequent changes are made in the basic Philippine rate of duty on any of the above mentioned articles, such articles shall automatically be accorded the corresponding Margins of Preference.

SEC. 3. After the date of effectivity of this Executive Order, all the above-described articles entered or withdrawn from warehouses in the Philippines for consumption shall be subject to the rates of import duty herein prescribed subject to qualification under the Rules of Origin as specified in the Agreement on ASEAN Preferential Trading Arrangements ratified on August 1, 1977.

SEC 4. This Executive Order shall take effect as of January 1, 1990.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 18th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1990). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 410
PROVIDING FOR NEW GUIDELINES FOR THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR PORT ZONE DELINEATION

WHEREAS, Section 2, Article II, of Presidential Decree No. 857, provides that:

> "Declaration of Policies and Objectives - It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to implement an integrated program for the planning, development, financing, and operation of Port or Port Districts for the entire country in accordance with the following objectives:
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> c) To promote regional development through the dispersal of industries and commercial activities throughout the different regions.
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> e) To redirect and reorganized port administration beyond its specific and traditional functions of harbor development and cargo handling operations to the broader functions of total port district development, including encouraging the full and efficient utilization of the Port's hinterland and tributary areas."

WHEREAS, Sec. 5, Article IV, of Presidential Decree No. 857, further states that:

> "Port District. - The Authority may, from time to time, submit to the President through the National Economic and Development Authority, applications for the declaration of specific areas as Port Districts. Such applications shall be accompanied by a survey plan indicating the geographical location of the area or areas to be declared as Port District with their respective boundaries properly delineated."

WHEREAS, consistent with the aforesaid policies and objectives, the Regional Development Councils may participate in the review and processing of applications for port zone delineation so that the same may be aligned with their respective regional development plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. All applications for port zone delineation shall henceforth be reviewed by the Regional Development Councils covering the areas subject of the said applications.

SEC. 2. The procedure in the processing of the applications for port zone delineation shall be as follows:

(a) The Philippine Ports Authority shall consult the local government officials and the concerned Regional Development Council before conducting the detailed surveys on the subject areas.

(b) The application shall be accompanied by a survey plan indicating the geographical location of the area to be delineated and the following data:

(i) The development program for port facilities, including the project components, indicating the areas or locations thereof, and the basis of the program (e.g., master plans, feasibility studies, and pre-feasibility studies) including the status of program/project preparation/implementation; and

(ii) inventory of existing land use and status of ownership of the areas under consideration.

(c) Based on the submission of the Philippine Ports Authority, the concerned Regional Development Council shall review the consistency of the documents and data in the application in accordance with the implementing rules and regulations to be promulgated under this Executive Order.

SEC. 3. Applications which are jointly recommended for approval by the Philippine Ports Authority and Regional Development Council shall be submitted directly to the Office of the President for the latter's consideration. Should conflicts occur between the application submitted by Philippine Ports Authority and the review or recommendation of the concerned Regional Development Council, the issues shall be forwarded to the NEDA Infrastructure Committee for resolution prior to submission to the Office of the President.

SEC. 4. The National Economic and Development Authority Infrastructure Committee is hereby authorized to promulgate the implementing rules and regulations under this Executive Order.

SEC. 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 3rd day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1990). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 411
RECONSTITUTING THE BAGONG KILUSANG KABUHAYAN AT KAUNLARAN (BKKK) COMMITTEE IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, NOW KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT FUND (NLSF) COUNCIL

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Bagong Kilusang Kabuhayan at Kaunlaran (BKKK) Committee in the Office of the President, now known as the National Livelihood Support Fund (NLSF) Council, is hereby reconstituted as follows:

The Secretary of the Presidential Management Staff	-	Chairman
The Presidential Spokesman and Chief Legal Counsel	-	Vice Chairman
The Presidential Assistant for Legal and Judicial Affairs	-	Member
The Deputy Executive Secretary	-	Member
The Assistant Executive Secretary for Budget and Corporate Affairs	-	Member

SEC. 2. Executive Order No. 314 dated December 17, 1987 is hereby amended accordingly.
SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 13th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 412
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ENERGY CONSERVATION INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, it is the policy thrust of the government to conserve energy through efficient and judicious utilization thereof particularly in times of critical power situation either nationwide or in some areas in the country;

WHEREAS, there is a need for continuing efforts to promote and adopt energy conservation measures through a coordinative, consultative and mutually-supportive implementation mechanism;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Energy Conservation Inter-Agency Committee, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, is hereby established as a regular and permanent body with the Executive Director of the Office of Energy Affairs as chairman and one representative each of the following agencies, corporations and entities as members:

1. Manila Electric Company
2. National Electrification Administration
3. Philippine Electric Plants Owners Association
4. National Power Corporation
5. Joint Government and Private Sector Initiatives Task Force on Power
6. Department of Science and Technology
7. Department of Trade and Industry
8. Metro Manila Authority
9. Philippine Information Agency

SECTION 2. The Committee shall be tasked to perform the following functions:

(1) To continue monitoring energy consumption in both the public and private sectors for purposes of issuing, from time to time, guidelines to achieve energy savings;
(2) To undertake energy conservation information dissemination campaigns to create greater awareness on energy conservation measures;
(3) To perform such other tasks that may be necessary and incidental to the implementation of this Executive Order.

SECTION 3. The Office of Energy Affairs in coordination with the members of the Committee shall promulgate the necessary implementing guidelines for the accomplishment of the objectives of this Executive Order.

SECTION 4. The Committee through the Office of the Energy Affairs is hereby authorized to call on and mobilize any government agency and instrumentality including local government units and

government owned or controlled corporations for support and assistance in the implementation of this Executive Order.

SECTION 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 13th day of July, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 413
MODIFYING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY AND NOMENCLATURE OF CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES UNDER SECTION 104 OF THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, (PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464), AS AMENDED

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 401 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, otherwise known as the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION. 1 The rates of import duty and nomenclature of certain articles under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, are hereby amended and modified as specifically listed in Annex "A" hereof, and accordingly, these articles shall be levied the rates of import duty indicated opposite their respective tariff headings and/or lines.

SEC. 2. Upon the effectivity of this Executive Order, the articles listed in Annex "A" hereof when entered or withdrawn from warehouses in the Philippines for consumption shall be subject to the rates of duty herein prescribed.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect after thirty (30) days following the completion of its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 19th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 414
DIRECTING EMERGENCY MEASURES TO PREVENT EXCESSIVE INCREASES IN PRICES OF PRIME AND ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES AND TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE FROM HOARDING, PROFITEERING, INJURIOUS SPECULATIONS, MANIPULATION OF PRICES, AND OTHER PERNICIOUS PRACTICES IN AREAS SEVERELY STRICKEN BY THE RECENT EARTHQUAKE

WHEREAS, to prevent unreasonable increases in the prices of prime and essential commodities and artificial shortages thereof in the areas severely stricken by the recent earthquake, and to protect the people from hoarding, profiteering, injurious speculations, manipulation of prices and other commodities calculated to take advantage of the situation, certain emergency measures must be undertaken;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Secretary of Trade and Industry is hereby directed to impose price ceilings on prime and essential commodities in the areas severely stricken by the recent earthquake and to take such measures as may be appropriate to ensure the availability of, and to maintain reasonable prices of, said commodities at pre-earthquake levels.

SEC. 2. The prime and essential commodities shall include, among others, the following:

(a) Rice
(b) Milk
(c) Sugar
(d) Chicken
(e) Pork
(f) Flour
(g) Kerosene
(h) Liquefied Petroleum Gas
(i) Cooking Oil
(j) Canned Goods
(k) Medicines, drugs and pharmaceutical

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry is hereby authorized to review, adjust or revise the price ceilings of the prime and essential commodities covered as may be warranted subject to the approval of the Office of the President.

SEC. 4. The Department of Trade and Industry is hereby directed to implement this Executive Order, to impose such penalties as are provided for under Executive Order No. 913, Series of 1983 as well as to institute criminal and civil prosecutions under applicable laws.

SEC. 5. The Department of Trade and Industry is hereby authorized to mobilize and deputize all government agencies and instrumentalities including the local governments, Philippine Constabulary/ Integrated National Police, and other law enforcement agencies to strictly implement this Executive Order.

SEC. 6. For purposes of this Executive Order, the areas covered are those where a state of calamity has been or may hereafter be proclaimed.

SEC. 7. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately subject to publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation, and shall remain in force and effect until otherwise revoked.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 19th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 415
LIFTING THE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME (DST) PROGRAM INSTITUTED UNDER THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 17, SERIES OF 1990, EFFECTIVE MIDNIGHT OF JULY 28, 1990

WHEREAS, under the Guidelines Implementing National Emergency Memorandum Order No. 17, the Daily Saving Time (DST) Program shall be effective until August 31, 1990;

WHEREAS, in view of the onset of the rainy season and the early nighttime darkness which both cut short the longer daylight hours expected during this time of the year, the Energy Conservation Inter-Agency Committee has recommended the early termination of the Daily Saving Time (DST) Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Daylight Saving Time (DST) Program instituted under National Emergency Memorandum Order No. 17, Series of 1990, is hereby lifted effective midnight of July 28, 1990, Saturday, by adjusting the official clock one hour earlier, i.e., 12:00 midnight to 11:00 p.m in both the public and private sectors.

SEC. 2. This Executive Order shall be published for two (2) days in two national newspapers of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 20th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 416
TRANSFERRING THE FUNCTION OF ISSUING LICENSES OR PERMITS FOR TREASURE-HUNTING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, Book IV, Title XIV, Chapter 1, Section 4(8) of the Administrative Code of 1987 (Executive Order No. 292, s. 1987) conferred upon the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) the following functions:

> "(8) Issue licenses and permits for activities related to the use and development of aquatic resources, treasure-hunting, salvaging of sunken vessels and other similar activities";

WHEREAS, treasure–hunting permits over lands of the public domain and lands belonging to the National Government and government-owned and controlled corporations and to local governments, before the effectivity of the Administrative Code of 1987 on November 23, 1989, were being issued by the Office of the President pursuant to the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 1726-A;

WHEREAS, the function of issuing treasure-hunting permits or licenses was not properly vested in the DENR because "hidden treasures" are not "natural resources";

WHEREAS, the President of the Philippines is authorized under Book III, Title III, Chapter 10, Section 31(2), of the Administrative Code of 1987 to transfer functions from the Office of the President to any executive department and vice-versa;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. All treasure-hunting licenses or permits, including those for treasure-hunting within the territorial waters of the Philippines, shall forthwith be issued by the Office of the President.

Sec. 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 31st day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By authority of the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 417
RECONSTITUTING THE CENTRAL VISAYAS REGIONAL PROJECTS (CVRP) BOARD

WHEREAS, the Regional Development Council for Regions VII Executive Committee has recommended the reconstitution of the Central Visayas Regional Projects (CVRP) Board to include the membership of the private sector and non-government organizations in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order No. 308, S. of 1987, as amended and Executive Order No. 363, S. of 1989;

WHEREAS, the participation of the private sector and non-government organizations will promote the efficient and effective implementation of the Central Visayas Regional Projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. In addition to its present membership, the Central Visayas Regional Projects Board shall have four (4) members from the private sector and non-government organizations who shall be appointed by the President upon nomination by the Regional Development Council for Region VII. The following criteria shall be considered in the selection of the nominees:

1. representatives of the private sector and non-government organizations must be nominated by organizations duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission;
2. the organization should preferably be regional in scope; and,
3. sectoral representation should be as wide as possible.

SEC. 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 9th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 418
DIRECTING THE IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION
OF AN ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the very fluid political situation in the Middle East brought about by the invasion and subsequent annexation of Kuwait by Iraq and the imposition of a trade embargo against Iraq and Kuwait by the United Nations Security Council has posed a serious concern on the country's fuel supply availability even as it has already put pressure on domestic petroleum product prices;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that measures be adopted now to minimize if not forestall any adverse effect of the supply and price situation on the country's essential economic activities;

WHEREAS, to cushion the effects of increasing oil prices and avoid fuel supply disruption, there is a compelling need for the government and the private sector to undertake a program promoting the judicious use of our energy resources through intensified conservation efforts and efficient utilization thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. All departments, agencies, offices, government-owned and/or controlled corporations, local government units and other government instrumentalities shall reduce their monthly consumption of electricity (in kilowatt-hours) and petroleum products (in liters) by 10% and 5%, respectively, of the consumption during the corresponding month in 1989. A report of compliance shall be submitted not later than the 15th day following the reporting month to the Office of Energy Affairs which shall prepare and submit a summary report to the President within five (5) days after the last reporting day. The heads of departments, agencies, offices, corporations, local government units and other government instrumentalities shall designate a senior official in their respective offices as energy conservation officer who shall be responsible for the implementation of this Executive Order as well as the development and implementation of other energy conservation measures.

SEC. 2. All departments, agencies, offices, government-owned and/or controlled corporations, local government units and other government instrumentalities are prohibited from using government vehicles for purposes other than official business: *Provided*, That in every case, the trip ticket authorizing the use of the vehicle shall be displayed on the windshield or in another conspicuous place on the vehicle: *Provided*, *further*, That vehicles used by intelligence and investigative agencies of the government shall not be covered by the foregoing proviso.

The use of government vehicles on Sundays, legal holidays, or out of the regular office hours or outside the route of the officials or employees authorized to use them, or by any person other than such officials or employees, shall, unless properly authorized, be prima facie evidence of violation of this Section in the administrative proceeding against the officials or employees responsible for such violation.

For the purpose of this Section, vehicles owned by the government-owned or controlled corporations are deemed government vehicles.

SEC. 3. The Department of Trade and Industry and the Office of the Energy Affairs shall, in consultation with appropriate trade and industry associations, develop voluntary energy conservation programs for their respective members which shall target levels of reduction in electricity and petroleum products consumption similar to those imposed on government agencies and corporations and pinpoint responsibility for monitoring and reporting of performance.

SEC. 4. The Office of Energy Affairs shall require industrial, commercial and transport establishments consuming annually more than one million fuel oil equivalent liters of energy including liquid fuels and electricity to submit an energy conservation program which shall target a 5% cutback in fuel consumption and a 10% reduction in electricity usage. Compliance with these targets shall be incorporated in the quarterly reports being submitted by these establishments to the Office of Energy Affairs.

SEC. 5. The Energy Conservation Inter-Agency Committee established under Executive Order No. 412 dated July 13, 1990 shall continue to implement energy conservation measures provided under National Emergency Memorandum Order No. 17, S. of 1990, except for the Daylight Saving Time, which measures include but not limited to:

a) Limiting the use of neon and electric lights for advertisements from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.;
b) Regulation of use of air-conditioning units particularly during lunch breaks;
c) Regulation of use of lights;
d) Limiting the opening of business of supermarkets, department stores and movie houses; and
e) Extending the energy conservation campaign to the residential sector.

SEC. 6. The Department of National Defense shall enforce strictly Batas Pambansa Blg. 33 which prohibits, among others, speed contests and rallies involving mainly the use of motor vehicles, motor-driven watercraft or aircraft utilizing petroleum-derived fuels, including car and motorcycle rallies and drag racing; and sky-diving and water skiing.

SEC. 7. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall, in coordination with appropriate law enforcement agencies, enforce strictly the smoke belching law for all vehicles. Smoke belching caused by improper vehicle maintenance results in very inefficient use of fuel not to mention its adverse impact on the environment.

SEC. 8. The Department of Transportation and Communication shall adopt reasonable measures restricting the use of motor vehicles during peak hours of the day and during Sundays and legal holidays, or their use for certain destinations or over certain streets during stated hours, so as to conserve fuel.

For this purpose, the Department of Transportation and Communication shall hold periodic consultation with the various sectors to be affected by the aforesaid measures.

SEC. 9. The Office of the Press Secretary shall launch a nationwide information campaign on energy conservation through the media. It shall coordinate with all forms of media to ensure accurate and current dissemination of information on the oil situation, its implications and the course of actions they entail specifying the type of energy conservation measures that can be adapted at the family, community and industry levels.

SEC. 10. All departments, agencies, corporations, local government units and instrumentalities of the government are directed to cooperate fully in this national energy conservation effort.

SEC. 11. The Office of the Executive Secretary shall monitor the implementation of the foregoing measures.

SEC. 12. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 13th day of August, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 419
PROMULGATING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6960 ENTITLED "AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF TEN BILLION PESOS FOR THE AID, RELIEF, AND REHABILITATION SERVICES TO PERSONS AND AREAS AFFECTED AND FOR THE SURVEY, REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE DAMAGED OR DESTROYED BY THE EARTHQUAKES OF JULY 16, 1990 AND THEIR AFTERSHOCKS"

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. This Executive Order hereby promulgates the rules and regulations implementing Republic Act No. 6960 which was approved on August 7, 1990 and became effective on August 9, 1990, the said law having been published on said date in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

SEC. 2. As used in this Executive Order, the following definition of terms shall govern:

a) The term "victims" refers to individuals who sustained serious injuries or suffered death in the family as a result of the earthquakes which occurred on 16 July 1990, and their aftereffects. It shall include individuals whose homes have been destroyed or rendered uninhabitable.
b) The term "aid" or "relief" refers to any assistance in the form of food, clothing, shelter, money or any other form of assistance to the end that life may return to normal at the earliest possible time.
c) The term "repair" refers to the action of making a facility or infrastructure usable or serviceable even on a partial or temporary basis within a short period of time.
d) The term "reconstruction" refers to the action of restoring a facility or infrastructure to the original condition and whenever necessary strengthening or putting in appropriate improvements to make it more resistant to calamities such as earthquakes. It shall also include the action of constructing a similar facility or infrastructure in another location in place of the damaged facility or infrastructure.
e) The "Presidential Task Force on Rehabilitation" refers to the Task Force created pursuant to Memorandum Order No. 311 dated 1 August 1990.

SEC. 3. The projects that will be funded by the appropriation contained in Republic Act No. 6960 must contribute to any or all of the following objectives:

a) Preservation of life;
b) Restoration of home; and,
c) Resumption of production.

The following agencies shall be responsible for the identification of the projects within their respective jurisdiction and whenever necessary, in consultation with local government units, viz.:

a) Department of Public Works and Highways - for Roads, Highways and Bridges, Flood Control and Seawalls, Water Supply (level I), and Other Public Buildings and Facilities;
b) Philippine National Railways - for Railways;
c) Philippine Ports Authority - for Ports;
d) Air Transportation Office/Department of Transportation and Communications - for Airports;
e) Postal Services Office/Department of Transportation and Communications - for Post Offices;
f) Telecommunications Office/Department of Transportation and Communications - for Telecommunication Facilities;
g) National Power Corporation - for Power Facilities;
h) National Electrification Administration - for Electrification Facilities;
i) National Irrigation Administration - for Irrigation Facilities;
j) Department of Education, Culture and Sports - for Schoolbuildings;
k) Department of Health - for Hospitals/Health Centers and Public Health Programs;
l) National Housing Authority - for Housing Facilities;
m) Department of National Defense - for Defense Facilities;
n) Export Processing Zone Authority - for Export Processing Zone Facilities;
o) Department of Social Welfare and Development - for Social Welfare Projects;
p) Local Water and Utilities Administration - for Water Supply Facilities (Levels II and III); and,
q) Departments of Agriculture, Agrarian Reform, Environment and Natural Resources, Labor and Employment and Trade and Industry, Education, Culture and Sports, Local Government Tourism, and the National Livelihood Support Fund - for Livelihood and Emergency Employment Assistance Projects.

The above enumerated agencies shall also be responsible for the implementation of the projects except those projects determined by the Presidential Task Force to be more appropriately implemented by local government units.

SEC. 4. In general, the repair or reconstruction of infrastructure projects shall be prioritized by using the following factors:

a) Economic importance of the facility, with preference to facilities which significantly contribute to or support production and distribution of essential goods in substantial volumes over large geographical areas;
b) Social significance of the facility, with emphasis on facilities which provide basic shelter, health, and education services affecting large/depressed communities;
c) Structural condition of the facility, with attention to facilities which are structurally unsafe for use or prone to further damage; and,
d) Feasibility of the repair/reconstruction works, with emphasis on those which can be started quickly and be completed within a relatively short period.

On the basis of the above enumerated factors, the following general types of infrastructure shall be given priority:

a) Immediate opening and rehabilitation of blocked or hardly passable major interregional/interprovincial and secondary intermunicipal transport routes in order to restore the major movements of goods, services and people;
b) Restoration of power, water, irrigation, flood control and communication services;

c) Rehabilitation of social infrastructure such as schools, hospitals and public markets with structural damage and temporary shelters for homeless families.

SEC. 5. The levels of repair and reconstruction work shall be as follows:

a) Level I: This consists of basic emergency repair not necessarily to restore in the original condition but merely for the purpose of quickly making the facility or infrastructure usable or serviceable even on a partial or temporary basis, e.g. temporary bailey bridge on one-way pilot road. These projects can generally be completed within a short period of time, i.e. one or two months.
b) Level II: This consists of the reconstruction or restoration to the original condition of the facility or infrastructure and whenever necessary includes strengthening, improvement or relocation of the facility to make it resistant to natural calamities like earthquake e.g. removal of slides, reconstruction of damaged embankment and pavement, or slope protection works. These projects are normally completed between the period of six (6) months to two (2) years;
c) Level III: This consists of the reconstruction of damaged infrastructure and facilities and development of new facilities to minimize the disruption of infrastructure services in case natural calamities such as earthquake should occur in the future e.g. new alternative route, new towns, relocated production areas and reconfigured transport networks. These projects are normally completed between the period of two (2) years to five (5) years.

The projects that will be implemented and funded pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act No. 6960 will normally be those falling under Levels I and II. However, projects falling under Level III may also be implemented and funded if they are found to be extremely urgent and necessary, after due consultation with concerned sectors and officials of the national and local government.

SEC. 6. The Presidential Task Force shall undertake the identification, prioritization, programming of projects and fund allocation within three (3) months from 9 August 1990. For this purpose, the procedure shall be as follows:

a) Each concerned agency mentioned in Section 3 hereof shall identify the earthquake-damaged infrastructure facilities under its responsibility, and define the extent and impact of the damage thereto and submit the same to the Presidential Task Force for consideration and approval. All possible sources of information shall be used, including its own agency reports, as well as those of other concerned national agencies and officials, local government units, non-governmental organization, media and the general public.
b) The agency shall then determine the repair and reconstruction works required on the damaged infrastructure using the levels defined in Section 5 hereof, prepare an estimate of their cost and implementation periods, and prioritize them based on the criteria enumerated in Section 4 of this Executive Order. The prioritized schedule be submitted to the Presidential Task Force for consideration and approval.
c) The agency shall thereafter prepare a preliminary program for the repair and reconstruction of the damaged infrastructure, which shall contain the following information:

    1. List of projects and their locations;
    2. Description of extent and impact of damage for each project;
    3. Description of work to be done for each project;

4. Estimated cost per project at each level of action; and,
5. Implementation schedule per project, and approximate quarterly cash flow.

d) Implementing agency must provide appropriate information to and consult with concerned local and national officials from the area on rehabilitation projects to be implemented therein.
e) The agency program shall be submitted by the Presidential Task Force to the President for final approval.

SEC. 7. The procurement and implementation procedures shall be as follows:

A. Engineering Services

Prior to project implementation, the concerned agency shall provide appropriate engineering preparations:

Whenever deemed necessary, the agency may engage in each affected area, project or cluster of projects, in-house consultants from reputable firms to assist and advise it.

B. Actual Project Implementation

The implementing agencies or local government units responsible for the actual repair and reconstruction of the infrastructure facilities shall determine the most appropriate mode of implementing each project in the program. For this purpose, the agencies or local government units may adopt any of the following options, whichever is appropriate:

1. Administration or force account shall generally be adopted as a mode of project implementation for Level I or when the scope is difficult to quantify for contracting purposes and it is within the implementing capability of the agency or local government unit.
2. Negotiated contract may be adopted as a mode of project implementation for Levels I and II when the works are urgent and beyond the force account capability of the concerned agency or local government unit especially those involving structural damage, imminent danger to life and property, significant social and economic losses and where time is of the essence in project implementation. Negotiated contracts may be entered into not later than six (6) months from the effectivity of Republic Act No. 6960 and in accordance with Section 5 thereof.
3. Contract after public bidding may be adopted as a mode of project implementation for Levels II and III projects which are less urgent and cannot be completed within one year. As much as possible the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 1594 and its implementing rules and regulations, as amended, shall be followed. However, in so far as advertisement for the project, prequalification of contractors and award of contracts are concerned, the implementing agencies or local government units may shorten the requirements for notice and evaluation periods.

All funds covering contracts entered into under Republic Act No. 6960 and this Executive Order shall be obligated within one (1) year from the effectivity of the said Act.

SEC. 8. The supervision of the repair and reconstruction works shall be performed by the concerned implementing agency or local government unit, through its own units and/or through consultants, in accordance with existing technical standards and procedures.

The implementing agency or local government unit shall give preference to the residents of the affected areas, especially the victims, in the hiring or employment of the workers required in the repair and reconstruction of damaged infrastructure under the approved program.

SEC. 9. The assistance to earthquake victims shall primarily address the immediate concern of survival and normalization of their lives. In this regard, the assistance shall encompass the basic needs for food, clothing, shelter and emergency employment.

Assistance for the survival of earthquake victims may take any of the following forms:

a) Shelter;
b) Communal meal service;
c) Subsidized source of foodstuffs and clothing;
d) Health services; or
e) Money to cover medical and funeral expenses.

Assistance for the normalization of the lives of the earthquake victims may take any or all of the following forms:

a) Resettlement assistance;
b) Employment placement assistance;
c) School placement assistance;
d) Loan or grant for livelihood projects; or
e) Deferment or restructuring of some obligations such as real estate taxes, salary loans and the like, when so warranted or authorized.

SEC. 10. The Department of Social Welfare and Development shall be primarily responsible for identifying the persons eligible for assistance mentioned in Section 9 hereof and the nature of assistance needed. The assistance shall be extended by the concerned agencies in coordination with the DSWD.

SEC. 11. All concerned agencies shall submit to the President, through the Presidential Task Force on Rehabilitation, for consolidation and transmittal to Congress, a quarterly report on the fund allocated for aid or relief services and funds allocated for the repair and reconstruction of vital and essential infrastructure projects, the list of such infrastructure which shall be financed, the list of names of approved individual beneficiaries, the purpose for which the appropriations was utilized and the accomplishments for the expanded appropriations, including the percentage of completion of repair and reconstruction projects, as well as an evaluation of the effectiveness of the delivery system of relief services.

SEC. 12. The Department of Justice shall, upon a complaint or upon its own initiative, investigate and prosecute persons or entities charged with violations of pertinent provisions of penal laws, rules and regulations in relation to the provisions of Republic Act No. 6960 particularly on the utilization and application of the funds provided therein.

The Department of Justice is hereby authorized to avail itself of the services of all law enforcement agencies as may be necessary in the performance of its tasks.

SEC. 13. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 420
CONVERTING THE PHILIPPINE HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS INTO A REGULAR GOVERNMENT AGENCY, REPEALING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1287 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the arts complement the sciences in improving the quality of human life by means of the complete and harmonious development of the individual;

WHEREAS, it is the person completely and harmoniously developed who can contribute most meaningfully towards the creation and enhancement of a democratic, just and humane society imbued with national identity and pride;

WHEREAS, the Philippine High School for the Arts has been organized under Presidential Decree No. 1287 (1978), to search for and develop highly talented children exceptionally gifted in the arts, with the objective of providing a continuing source of artists of excellence and leaders in the preservation and promotion of the Filipino heritage in the arts;

WHEREAS, the government is committed to fulfill its constitutional mandate to foster the preservation, enrichment and dynamic evolution of a Filipino national culture based on the principle of unity in diversity in a climate of free artistic and intellectual expression and to place arts and letters under the patronage of the State;

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing, the regularization and conversion of the Philippine High School for the Arts as a regular government agency have been recommended by the Department of Budget and Management pursuant to its mandate under Executive Order No. 165 (1987) and Executive Order No. 5 (1986);

WHEREAS, per the Secretary of Justice Opinion No. 210, series of 1988, Section 22 of Proclamation No. 50 (1986), as amended, empowers the President of the Philippines to amend or repeal the laws creating government-owned or controlled corporations which have been identified for divestment, dissolution, regularization, merger or consolidation, not later than December 6, 1991;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Abolition and Creation. The Philippine High School for the Arts is hereby abolished. In lieu thereof, a regular government agency is hereby created in accordance with the provisions of this Executive Order, with the same name and hereinafter referred to as High School.

SEC. 2. Mandate. The High School is hereby mandated to implement a general secondary level program, combined with a special curriculum oriented to the arts and geared to the early recognition and development of highly talented children exceptionally gifted in the arts, thus providing a continuing source of artists of excellence and leaders in the preservation and promotion of the Filipino heritage in the arts.

SEC. 3. Advisory Council. The High School shall have an Advisory Council, composed of the following members:

(a) President of the Cultural Center of the Philippines who shall be the Chairman, ex-officio;
(b) Undersecretary of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, who shall be the Vice-Chairman, ex-officio;
(c) Artistic Director of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, ex-officio;
(d) Director of the Bureau of Secondary Education of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, ex-officio;
(e) Director of the Philippine High School for the Arts, ex-officio;
(f) A representative from each of the fields of music, dance, theater arts, visual arts, and literature to be appointed by the Chairman, upon recommendation of the Governing Board.

The Advisory Council shall meet at least once a month. A quorum of the Advisory Council shall consist of the majority of all its members holding office at the time the meeting is called and present thereat. Each member of the Advisory Council shall receive an honorarium in accordance with pertinent laws, rules and regulations.

SEC. 4. Powers and Functions. To accomplish the mandate of the High School, the Advisory Council shall advise the Director on the following:

(a) Fixing of the site of the school;
(b) Receipt for, and appropriations for the ends specified by law, of such sums as may be provided by law for the support of the High School;
(c) Approval of appointments made and contracts entered into by the Director in connection with the employment of teachers, lecturers and other employees of the High School, fixing of their compensations and other conditions of employment, with concurrence by the Secretary of Budget and Management; and their removal for cause after due notice and hearing;
(d) Providing fellowships for faculty members and approval of the grant of scholarships, stipends and other allowances to deserving students;
(e) Determining the criteria for the selection and admission of students which shall include, among others, national competitive examinations;
(f) Approval of the issuance of certificates or diplomas to successful candidates for graduation;
(g) Receipt of in trust legacies, gifts, donations, grants, endowments, contributions, or other transfers of ownership and/or possession of real and personal properties of all kinds and administration of the same for the benefit of the High School or for aid to any of its students;
(h) Approval of the annual work program and budget for endorsement to the Department of Budget and Management;
(i) Such other tasks as may be assigned to it by the Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports, which are necessary for the efficient and effective accomplishment of the purposes of this Executive Order.

SEC. 5. Authority to Solicit Donations, Grants and the like. Upon the recommendation of the Advisory Council, the Director may, without need of authority, approval or intervention by any government agency of any kind whatsoever, solicit, negotiate with, and receive from any public or private, domestic or foreign sources such legacies, gifts, donations, grants, endowments, contributions or other transfers of ownership and/or possession of real or personal properties of all kinds in favor and for the benefit of the High School, subject to ratification by the Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports: Provided, That the Director shall, upon recommendation by the Advisory Council and in accordance with pertinent accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations, prescribe the measures

necessary for the proper use, maintenance and safekeeping of said donations, grants, endowments, contributions or transfers and the compliance of the terms and conditions thereon, if any.

SEC. 6. Director. The day-to-day operations of the High School shall be under the supervision and control of the Director in accordance with Section 4 hereof. He shall be appointed by the Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports, upon the recommendation of the Advisory Council. His functions, powers and duties, in addition to those specifically provided in this Executive Order, shall be those usually pertaining to the office of the principal of any high school in the Philippine educational system.

SEC. 7. Civil Service Coverage. Personnel of the High School shall be classified into:

(a) Career service personnel, namely, those of the finance, administrative and personnel staff of the High School and its general education faculty
(b) Non-career service personnel, namely, visiting professors and arts instructors.

Career and non-career service personnel shall be subject to civil service rules and regulations on wage and position classifications. They shall be entitled to retirement benefits enjoyed by all government personnel, in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations. Provisions for retirement shall be included in the annual budget of the High School: Provided, That services of incumbents whose appointments have not been processed through the Civil Service Commission shall be considered as creditable services for purposes of claiming retirement or separation benefits as long as the necessary requirements are met.

SEC. 8. Attachment. The High School is hereby attached to the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, in consultation with the Cultural Center of the Philippines, for policy and program implementation with special emphasis on subjects pertaining to the arts, with the end in view of preparing its students for a career in the arts.

SEC. 9. Arts High School Fund. All legacies, gifts, donations, grants, endowments, contributions and other similar transfers of real and personal properties of all kinds received by the High School shall constitute the Arts High School Fund, which shall be expended or used by, or with the authority from, the Director upon the recommendation of the Advisory Council, to attain the purposes of this Executive Order, in accordance with pertinent laws, rules and regulations. Signatories to this Fund shall be the Director and the officer of the High School responsible for its finances, regular reports on the status of the Fund shall be submitted to the Advisory Council.

SEC. 10. Position Structure and Staffing Pattern. Upon approval of this Executive Order, the officers and employees of the defunct Philipine High School for the Arts shall, in a holdover capacity, continue to perform their respective duties and responsibilities and receive the corresponding salaries and benefits unless in the meantime they are duly separated from the service.

The position structure and staffing pattern of the High School shall be approved and prescribed by the Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports, upon the recommendation of the Director of the High School and with the concurrence of the Secretary of Budget and Management, within one hundred twenty (120) days from the approval of this Executive Order and the authorized positions created thereunder shall be filled with regular appointments by the High School or by the President of the Philippines, as the case may be. Those incumbents of the High School whose positions are not included therein or who are not reappointed, shall be deemed separated from the service and shall receive the benefits to which they may be entitled under existing laws, rules and regulations.

SEC. 11. Transfer. The records, equipment, facilities, choses in actions, rights, other assets and personnel of the defunct Philippine High School for the Arts are hereby transferred to the High School, insofar as necessary for the proper accomplishment of the objectives of this Executive Order. The

appropriations and funds of said defunct entity, if any, shall revert to the General Fund. Its remaining assets, if any, shall be allocated to the appropriate units of the government as the Office of the President shall determine or shall otherwise be disposed in accordance with the Government Auditing Code of the Philippines and other pertinent laws, rules and regulations. Its liabilities, if any, shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Code of the Philippines on the concurrence and preference of credits.

SEC. 12. Notice or Consent Requirement. If any reorganizational change authorized in this Executive Order is of such substance or materiality as to prejudice third persons with rights recognized by law or contract such that notice to or consent of creditors is required to be made or obtained pursuant to any agreement entered into with any such creditors, such notice or consent requirement shall be complied with prior to the implementation of such reorganizational change.

SEC. 13. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports shall prescribe the rules and regulations for the efficient and effective implementation of the provisions of this Executive Order.

SEC. 14. Separability. Any portion or provision of this Executive Order that may be declared unconstitutional or invalid shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or provisions hereof as long as such remaining portions or provisions can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

SEC. 15. Repeal. Presidential Decree No. 1287 (1978) is hereby repealed. All other laws, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are likewise hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 16. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect upon approval, subject to its publication in the Official Gazette.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 7th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By authority of the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1990). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 421
INSTITUTING THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR HEROISM IN TIMES OF DISASTER

I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute an award to be known as the Presidential Award for Heroism in Times of Disaster to be awarded to organizations and individuals who have rendered spontaneous, dedicated and exemplary acts of heroism under extreme risk to life in times of disaster.

The Award shall be in the form of Citation, if conferred to organizations, and Citation only, or Citation and Medal, if conferred to individuals. It shall be conferred by the President of the Philippines or by a Member of the Cabinet upon authority of the President.

The National Historical Institute and the Office of the Executive Secretary shall prepare the design and criteria for the granting of the Award subject to approval by the President of the Philippines.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 7th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

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MALACAÑANG
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 422
ACTIVATING AND REORGANIZING THE ENERGY OPERATIONS BOARD AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY FOR THE EFFICIENT AND EQUITABLE ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ENERGY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, there is a continuing uncertainty in the international crude oil supplies resulting in the increasing trend of world petroleum prices;

WHEREAS, it has become imperative that measures be adopted to cushion the impact of the increasing oil prices by insuring the efficient and judicious utilization of the country's energy supply in order to secure its optimum use consistent with the energy conservation thrust of the government;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to activate and reorganize the Emergency Petroleum Operations Board created under Executive Order No. 547 dated July 23, 1979 into the Energy Operations Board as an inter-agency entity responsible for drawing an effective system for the efficient and equitable allocation and distribution of energy among the various end-users in the event of severe energy supply disruptions or imminent danger thereof, as may be determined by the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Emergency Petroleum Operations Board, created under Executive Order No. 547 dated July 23, 1979, is hereby activated and reorganized as the Energy Operations Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, to be composed of the Executive Secretary as Chairman; and the Secretary of Trade and Industry, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of National Defense, the Secretary of Local Government, the Secretary of Transportation and Communications, the Executive Director of the Office of Energy Affairs, and a representative from the private sector to be designated by the President, as members.

SEC. 2. The Board shall be responsible for formulating policies, guidelines, and rules and regulations for the allocation and distribution of energy/petroleum products to all consumers and for developing an overall plan of action for implementing the allocation and distribution system, including such rationing schemes as may be necessary.

In carrying out this responsibility on the basis of sectoral requirements, the Board may consult with other departments and agencies concerned, particularly the National Economic and Development Authority, the Department of Finance and Department of Labor and Employment. The Board may also direct such other departments and agencies as may be necessary to assist in the allocation and distribution of petroleum products to special categories of users.

SEC. 3. The Board shall designate an Executive Director to act as the Executive Officer of the Board on a regular and permanent basis whose functions shall be determined by the Board.

The Office of Energy Affairs shall act as the Secretariat of the Board and shall provide administrative support and facilities for central monitoring of the Board's operations.

The Board shall also constitute an Inter-Agency Technical Staff composed of representatives from all members of the Board and provide technical assistance and other related services to the Board. These representatives shall work on a permanent basis for the duration of the implementation of the

Board's programs. They shall be authorized to avail themselves of the facilities and communications networks of other agencies of the government as may be necessary and in addition to what they may have.

Whenever necessary, the Board may also direct other concerned agencies such as the Philippine National Oil Company, the National Power Corporation and the National Electrification Administration for additional membership in the Secretariat or the Inter-Agency Technical Staff.

SEC. 4. The primary responsibilities of the various departments with respect to the allocation and distribution of energy/petroleum products shall be as follow:

a) The Office of the Executive Secretary shall be responsible for providing the overall leadership in the formulation of policies and guidelines as well as for overseeing the operations of the allocation and distribution system.
b) The Department of Trade and Industry shall be responsible for undertaking appropriate classifications of the industrial/commercial sectors for purposes of priority in their energy/petroleum products requirements. It shall, likewise, monitor the effects of prices of other commodities as a result of energy/petroleum products allocation and distribution, and undertake measures to assure reasonable price and adequate supply of these commodities.
c) The Department of Agriculture shall be responsible for providing effective representation of the agricultural production sector, especially in behalf of small end-users in the rural areas who are engaged in food production for prioritization and assurance for them of an adequate supply of energy requirements.
d) The Department of National Defense shall be responsible for the enforcement of laws relative to prohibited acts and activities specified under Batas Pambansa Blg. 33, as amended, as well as of the rules and regulations of the Board pertaining to the operation of the allocation and distribution system.

   It shall also provide all security assistance, facilities and other requirements necessary for the effective implementation and enforcement of operations/activities of the Board.
e) The Department of Local Government shall be responsible for the implementation of the allocation and distribution system, the monitoring of the implementation thereof from the regional down to the barangay levels, and the conduct of surveys to effect the comprehensive listing of end-users of energy particularly petroleum products at the barangay level.
f) The Department of Transportation and Communications shall be responsible for providing effective representation of the transport sector, especially in behalf of the public mass transport operators in order to assure them of sufficient supply of their petroleum product needs.
g) The Office of Energy Affairs shall, in addition to its function as Secretariat of the Board, represent the energy sector for overall policy/program planning, formulation and implementation. The Board may also assign to it, such other functions and responsibilities as the Board may deem necessary.

The respective primary responsibilities of the abovementioned agencies shall extend, as applicable, down to the regional and sub-regional levels, including the provincial, city, municipal and barangay levels.

SEC. 5. At the regional level, there shall be a Regional Inter-Agency Committee, which shall be directly responsible to the Board, to be composed of the Chairman of the Regional Development Council (RDC) as Chairman: and a regional representative each of the Department of Trade and Industry, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of National Defense, the Department of Local

Government, Department of Transportation and Communication, the Office of Energy Affairs, and the Regional Commander of the PC-INP, and the representative from the private sector to be designated by the RDC Chairman, as members.

The Committee shall be responsible for overseeing and coordinating the implementation of the system for the allocation and distribution of energy particularly petroleum products within the region and the monitoring of the progress of the implementation thereof, including an assessment of the problems encountered and taking remedial measures as may be necessary to resolve such problems, subject to such guidelines as shall be established by the Board. The Committee shall submit periodic reports to the Board on the progress of implementation within the region.

The RDC Chairman shall serve as the Regional Executive Officer of the Committee and shall provide the leadership in directing the implementation of action programs and measures as may be decided upon by the Committee through the respective agencies concerned within the region. For this purpose, he shall have the authority to call upon the services of other regional offices, particularly the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and the Land Transportation Office.

SEC. 6. At the provincial level, there shall be a Provincial Inter-Agency Committee, which shall be directly responsible to the Regional Inter-Agency Committee, composed of the Provincial Governor as Chairman; and a representative each from the Department of Local Government, Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Agriculture, the Office of Energy Affairs and the Provincial Commander of the PC-INP, and representative from the private sector to be designated by the Provincial Governor, as members.

The Committee shall be responsible for overseeing and coordinating the implementation of the system for the allocation and distribution of energy requirements particularly petroleum products within the province and the monitoring of the progress of the implementation thereof, including an assessment of the problems encountered and taking remedial measures as may be necessary to resolve such problems, subject to such guidelines as shall be established by the Board.

The representative of the Department of Local Government shall serve as the Executive Officer of the Committee. He shall be responsible for the implementation of action programs and measures for the allocation and distribution of energy particularly petroleum products within the province through the agencies concerned within the province. For this purpose, he shall have authority to call upon the services of other provincial offices, particularly those of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and the Land Transportation Office.

SEC. 7. At the city level, there shall be a City Inter-Agency Committee, which shall be directly responsible to the Regional Inter-Agency Committee composed of the City Mayor as Chairman; and a representative each from the Department of Local Government, Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Agriculture, the Office of Energy Affairs, the Station Commander of the PC-INP and the Chairman of the City Barangay Federation or the Association of Barangay Captains, and representative from the private sector to be designated by the City Mayor, as members.

The Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of the system for the allocation and distribution of energy requirements particularly petroleum products within the city and monitoring of the progress of the implementation thereof, including an assessment of the problems encountered and taking remedial measures as necessary to resolve such problems, subject to such guidelines as shall be established by the Board.

The DLG representative shall serve as the Executive Officer of the Committee and shall coordinate with other city officials in the implementation of the system of the allocation and distribution of energy/petroleum products and shall act upon complaints lodged by end-users with respect to such allocation and distribution.

The City Station Commander shall be responsible for the enforcement of laws relative to prohibited acts and activities specified under Batas Pambansa Blg. 33, as amended, as well as the rules and regulations of the Board governing the distribution of energy/petroleum products within the City.

SEC. 8. At the municipal level, there shall be a Municipal Inter-Agency Committee which shall be directly responsible to the Provincial Inter-Agency Committee composed of the Municipal Mayor, as Chairman; and a representative from the Department of Local Government, the Municipal Station Commander of the PC-INP and the Head of the Municipal Barangay Federation of Association of Barangay Captains, and representative from the private sector to be designated by the Municipal Mayor, as members.

The Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of the system for the allocation and distribution of energy/petroleum products within the municipality and the monitoring of the progress of the implementation thereof, including an assessment of the problems encountered and taking remedial measures as necessary to resolve such problems, subject to such guidelines as shall be established by the Board.

The representative of the Department of Local Government shall serve as the Executive Officer of the Committee and shall coordinate with other municipal officials in the implementation of the system for the allocation and distribution of energy/petroleum products and shall act upon complaints lodged by end-users with respect to such allocation and distribution.

The Municipal Station Commander shall be responsible for the enforcement of laws relative to prohibited acts and activities specified under Batas Pambansa Blg. 33, as amended, as well as the rules and regulations of the Board governing the distribution of petroleum products within the Municipality.

SEC. 9. At the barangay level, the Barangay Councils headed by the Barangay Captain shall be responsible for the registration of all end-users of energy and petroleum products in their respective barangays, including but not limited to the owners of motor vehicles, motorized equipment, fishing boats and farm implements or machineries. They shall be responsible for overseeing the equitable distribution of petroleum products within their respective territorial jurisdictions, and reporting cases of violations of law and regulations as well as oversights and shortcomings in allocation policies and procedures to the appropriate superior or lateral authorities concerned.

SEC. 10. In the National Capital Region, the Metropolitan Manila Authority shall, together with a representative each from all the members of the Board, constitute itself as the Metropolitan Manila Inter-Agency Committee which shall be headed by the Chairman of the Authority. It shall be responsible for overseeing and coordinating the implementation of the allocation and distribution of energy/petroleum products within Metropolitan Manila, in accordance with the policies, guidelines, and rules and regulations prescribed by the Board.

SEC. 11. The Office of the President is hereby authorized to provide the necessary funding for the implementation of this Executive Order.

SEC. 12. The Board may call upon other government departments and agencies for assistance and support for the successful implementation of the objectives of this Executive Order.

SEC.13 All issuances, orders, and rules and regulations which are inconsistent with, or contrary to, the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 14. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 11th day of September, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 423
DIRECTING MEASURES TO PREVENT EXCESSIVE INCREASES IN THE PRICES OF CERTAIN PRIME COMMODITIES IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

WHEREAS, to prevent unreasonable increases in the prices of certain prime commodities as a result of adjustments in the domestic petroleum prices and the rise in the peso to dollar exchange rate, and to protect the people from hoarding, profiteering, injurious speculations, manipulation of prices and other activities calculated to take advantage of the situation, certain measures must be undertaken;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Secretary of Trade and Industry is hereby directed to impose price ceilings on certain commodities in the National Capital Region and to take such measures as may be appropriate to ensure the availability of, and reasonable prices of, said commodities.

SEC. 2. The prime commodities and their respective price ceilings are hereby set as follows:

	COMMODITY	**PRICE CEILING**		
1.	RICE	Well Milled	Regular Milled	N F A
	Miller to Wholesaler	P465/BAG or P9.30/kl.	P445/BAG or P8.90/kl.	
	Wholesaler to Retailer	P475/BAG or P9.50/kl.	P455/BAG or P9.10/kl.	
	Retailer to Consumer	P500/BAG or P10.00/kl.	P475/BAG or P9.50/kl.	P7.50/kl.
2.	MILK			
	SWEETENED FILLED (300 ML)	P14.60/can		
	EVAP FILLED (370 ML)	11.85/can		
	POWDERED FILLED (180 GM)	15.70/can		
	POWDERED FILLED (200 GM)	17.50/can		
3.	SUGAR			
	REFINED (Inclusive of 10% VAT)	P15.90/KILO		
	BROWN (VAT-exempt)	11.80/KILO		
4.	PORK LIEMPO WITH SKIN	P56.00/KILO		
5.	HARD FLOUR (25 Kg. bag)	P270.00		
6.	CHICKEN (FULLY DRESSED)	P55.00/KILO		
7.	COOKING OIL (SINGLE REFINED)			
	LAPAD (354 Grams)	P4.20		

COMMODITY	PRICE CEILING
LONG NECK (708 Grams)	P8.40

The prices of kerosene and liquified petroleum gas (LPG) shall be those set by the Energy Regulatory Board (ERB).

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry is hereby authorized to review, adjust or revise the aforesaid price ceilings on the prime commodities covered as may be warranted, subject to the approval of the Office of the President.

SEC. 4. The Department of Trade and Industry is hereby directed to implement this Executive Order, to impose penalties as are provided for under Executive Order No. 913, Series of 1983 as well as to institute criminal and civil prosecutions under applicable laws.

SEC. 5. The Department of Trade and Industry is hereby authorized to mobilize and deputize all government agencies and instrumentalities including the local governments, Philippine Constabulary/ Integrated National Police, and other law enforcement agencies to strictly implement this Executive Order.

SEC. 6. The nationwide price ceilings on rice provided for under National Emergency Memorandum Order No. 29 and the ceilings of certain prime commodities set by the Department of Trade and Industry in the areas severely stricken by the recent earthquake in accordance with Executive Order No. 414, S. of 1990, shall remain in force except in the National Capital Region where the price ceilings have been adjusted. Transport and handling add-on costs shall be allowed upon review and approval by the Regional Task Forces.

SEC. 7. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation and shall remain in effect until revoked.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 4th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 424
PLACING THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THE OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO UNDER THE AUTONOMOUS REGIONAL GOVERNMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the second paragraph of Section 4, Article XIX of Republic Act No. 6734 provides that "[O]ther National Government offices and agencies in the Autonomous Region which are not excluded under paragraph (9), Section 2, Article V of this Organic Act, together with their personnel, equipment, properties and budgets shall be placed under the control and supervision of the Regional Government pursuant to a schedule prescribed by the Oversight Committee mentioned in Section 3, Article XIX of this Organic Act: *Provided*, *however*, That the transfer of these offices and agencies and their personnel, equipment, properties and budgets shall be accomplished within six (6) years from the organization of the Regional Government."

WHEREAS, the Oversight Committee has identified that the offices of the Department of Public Works and Highways in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao may be immediately transferred to implement the regional public works of the Autonomous Regional Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Transfer of Control and Supervision*. The offices of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) within the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) including their functions, powers and responsibilities, personnel, equipment, properties, budgets and liabilities are hereby placed under the control and supervision of the Autonomous Regional Government.

In particular, these offices are identified as the four (4) District Engineering Offices (DEO) in each of the four provinces respectively and the three (3) Area Equipment Services (AES) located in Tawi-Tawi, Sulu and Maguindanao (Municipality of Sultan Kudarat).

SEC. 2. *Functions Transferred*. The Autonomous Regional Government shall be responsible for highways, flood control and water resource development systems, and other public works within the ARMM and shall exercise the following functions:

1. Undertake and evaluate the planning, design, construction and works supervision for the infrastructure projects whose location and impact are confined within the ARMM;
2. Undertake the maintenance of the infrastructure facilities within the ARMM and supervise the maintenance of such local roads and other infrastructure receiving financial assistance from the National Government;
3. Ensure the implementation of laws, policies, programs, rules and regulations regarding infrastructure projects as well as all public and private physical structures within the ARMM;
4. Provide technical assistance related to their functions to other agencies within the ARMM, especially the local government units;

5. Coordinate with other national and regional government departments, agencies, institutions, and organizations, especially the local government units within the ARMM in the planning and implementation of infrastructure projects;
6. Conduct continuing consultations with the local communities, take appropriate measures to make the services of the Autonomous Regional Government responsive to the needs of the general public and recommend such appropriate actions as may be necessary; and,
7. Perform such other related duties and responsibilities within the ARMM as may be assigned or delegated by the Regional Governor or as may be provided by law.

SEC. 3. *Functions retained by the National Government*. Functions not specified herein shall be retained by the DPWH. These include, among others, the reserved powers of the National Government in accordance with Article V, Section 2, as well as those subject to specific provisions, of Republic Act No. 6734; *Provided*, *that,* the DPWH and the Autonomous Regional Government may enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with reference to operationalizing these functions within the ARMM subject to the approval of the Office of the President; *Provided*, *however*, that the operations of the National Government are not prejudiced.

SEC. 4. *Standard setting*. The National Building Code and other national engineering and construction standards specified by law and/or prescribed by the Department of Public Works and Highways shall be adopted as minimum standards by the Autonomous Regional Government. The Autonomous Regional Government, however, may adopt stricter standards but at no time shall compromise national engineering and construction standards.

SEC. 5. *Programs and Projects*. Locally funded projects of the offices mentioned in Section 1 hereof are hereby transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government including project-hired staff, budgets, liabilities and assets acquired.

Foreign-funded projects covered by existing loans or grant agreements shall continue to be the responsibility of the DPWH. A Memorandum of Agreement may be entered into between the DPWH and the Autonomous Regional Government insofar as implementation arrangements within the ARMM are concerned.

SEC. 6. *Assets, Equipment, Buildings and Land*. All existing assets and equipment of the four District Engineering Offices and three Area Equipment Services within the ARMM are hereby turned over to the Autonomous Regional Government.

Buildings and the land wherein these edifices are built, of the aforementioned offices within the ARMM are hereby transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government.

SEC. 7. *Budget*. The balance of allotments outstanding for the current fiscal year as of the date of effectivity of this Executive Order and the fiscal accountability for capital outlays of locally-funded projects undertaken by the four District Engineering Offices and three Area Equipment Services as well as the current operating expenses of the said offices shall be transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government thru the withdrawal of the appropriate advices of allotment by the Department of Budget and Management from the Department of Public Works and Highways and subsequent release to the Autonomous Regional Government.

SEC. 8. *Liabilities*. The contract obligations entered into by the aforementioned District Engineering Offices and Area Equipment Services will be assumed by the Autonomous Regional Government; *Provided*, *that*, the contract obligations of the DPWH regional office for projects within the ARMM shall continue to be paid by the DPWH regional office; *Provided*, *further*, that the National Government shall continue such levels of expenditures as may be necessary to carry out the functions devolved under Republic Act No. 6734 and this Executive Order; *Provided*, finally, that the annual

operating budget support for these offices devolved to the Autonomous Regional Government shall terminate as soon as practicable.

SEC. 9. *Personnel*. All regular plantilla positions, whether filled or unfilled, of the aforementioned District Engineering Offices and Area Equipment Services effectively assigned to or located in the four (4) provinces within the ARMM as their official station, shall immediately be placed under the control and supervision of the Autonomous Regional Government. The corresponding personal services budget shall henceforth be transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government.

All personnel in the career service of the aforementioned District Engineering Offices and Area Equipment Services shall be absorbed by the Autonomous Regional Government and shall retain their seniority rights, compensation and other benefits in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Civil Service Commission.

Those who refuse to transfer to the Autonomous Regional Government, shall have the following options: regular retirement; absorption by their line department in another office or region based on the availability of position and at the discretion of management; transfer to another department based on availability of position; or resignation. Personnel separated from the service as a result of the implementation of this Executive Order shall, if entitled thereto under existing laws, be given separation or other benefits.

SEC. 10. *Attached Agencies*. The control and supervision of DPWH-attached corporations and agencies, namely the Local Water Utilities Administration, National Irrigation Administration and the National Water Resources Board, despite having projects within the ARMM, shall be retained by the DPWH. The three attached agencies, however, shall coordinate all their plans, programs and projects within the ARMM with the Regional Planning and Development Board.

The Autonomous Regional Government in the Provinces of Lanao del Sur and Maguindanao, will be vested with similar authorities given to DPWH regional directors and district engineers as provided in the Water Code including the power to grant temporary water permits and permits to drill wells subject to final approval of the National Water Resources Board. In the Island Provinces of Tawi-Tawi and Sulu, the Autonomous Regional Government shall assume all levels of authority including approval and regulation with reference to water rights.

SEC. 11. *Special Assistance*. The DPWH Regional Office shall provide the Autonomous Regional Government technical assistance with reference to the implementation of the National Building Code, highway standards and other national engineering and construction standards as specified by law and/or as prescribed by the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SEC. 12. *Separability Clause*. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Executive Order shall be held unconstitutional or declared contrary to law, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 13. *Effectivity*. This Executive Order shall take effect fifteen days after publication in one (1) national newspaper of general circulation and one (1) local newspaper of general circulation in the ARMM.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 4th day of October, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 425
PLACING UNDER THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGIONAL GOVERNMENT THE LINE AGENCIES AND OFFICES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO DEALING WITH LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, TOURISM, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT, AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, pursuant to the mandate under the 1987 Constitution, the Congress of the Philippines enacted into law Republic Act No. 6734, otherwise known as the Organic Act for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM);

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1 (2), Article II of the aforesaid Organic Act, a plebiscite was held on 19 November 1989 wherein four (4) provinces: Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi, ratified the said Organic Act and voted favorably to be included in the ARMM;

WHEREAS, on 17 February 1990, elections for the offices of the Regional Governor, Regional Vice-Governor and the members of the Regional Assembly, were held;

WHEREAS, with the election and assumption into office of its officials, the Autonomous Regional Government for ARMM is now deemed organized;

WHEREAS, the first paragraph of Section 4, Article XIX of Republic Act No. 6734, provides that: "[U]pon organization of the Autonomous Region, the line agencies and offices of the National Government dealing with local government, social services, science and technology, labor, natural resources, and tourism, including their personnel, equipment, properties and budgets, shall be immediately placed under the control and supervision of the Regional Government";

WHEREAS, the second paragraph of Section 3, Article XIX of Republic Act No. 6734 further provides that: "[W]ithin six (6) months after its organization, the Oversight Committee shall submit its report and recommendations to the President of the Philippines who shall act on the report and recommendations within ninety (90) days after receipt thereof: *Provided, however*, That if the President fails to act within said period, the recommendations of the Oversight Committee shall be deemed approved";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy*. Pursuant to the 1987 Constitution and Republic Act No. 6734, it shall be the policy of the National Government to ensure the full and expeditious devolution of powers and functions to the Autonomous Regional Government of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

SEC. 2. *General Terms Defined*. For purposes of this Executive Order and subsequent issuances pertaining to the Autonomous Regional Government of the ARMM, the following terms shall mean:

1) **National Government** - refers to the entire machinery of the central government as distinguished from the different forms of local governments.

2) **Agency of Government** - refers to any of the various units of the Government, including a department, bureau, office, instrumentality, or government-owned or controlled corporation or a distinct unit therein.
3) **Department** - refers to an executive department created by law.
4) **Supervision and control** - shall include authority to act directly whenever a specific function is entrusted by law or a regulation to a subordinate; direct the performance of duty; restrain the commission of acts; review, approve, reverse or modify acts and decisions of subordinate officials or units; determine priorities in the execution of plans and programs; and prescribe standards, guidelines, plans and programs. Unless a different meaning is explicitly provided in the specific law governing the relationship of particular agencies, the word "control" shall encompass supervision and control as defined in this paragraph.

SEC. 3. *Mandate*. Pursuant to Section 1, Article VI of the Organic Act of the ARMM, the President of the Philippines shall exercise general supervision over the Autonomous Regional Government, including the local governments therein, directly or through the Regional Governor, to ensure that national and regional laws are faithfully executed.

SEC. 4. *Transfer of Control and Supervision*. The following National Government offices and line agencies dealing with local government, social welfare and development, science and technology, labor and employment, environment and natural resources, and tourism, within the ARMM including their personnel, equipment, properties and budgets are placed under the control and supervision of the Autonomous Regional Government.

The Heads of the said offices and agencies, including their officials and employees, are hereby directed to extend their fullest assistance and cooperation to the Autonomous Regional Government of ARMM to ensure the orderly transfer thereof.

SEC. 5. *Functions Transferred*. Pursuant to the foregoing section, the functions of the following line agencies and offices of the National Government are hereby transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government of the ARMM, viz.:

A. <u>Department of Labor and Employment</u>

1) Formulate and recommend to the Regional Governor regional policies, plans and programs for manpower development, training, allocation, and utilization;
2) Protect and promote the interest of every constituent desiring to work locally or overseas by securing to him the most equitable terms and conditions of employment, and by providing social and welfare services;
3) Regulate the employment of aliens within the ARMM, including the establishment of a registration and/or work permit system for such aliens;
4) Formulate general guidelines concerning wage and income policy;
5) Recommend to the Regional Governor necessary adjustments in wage structures with a view to develop a wage system that is consistent with national economic and social development plans;
6) Provide for safe, decent, humane and improved working conditions and environment for all workers, particularly women and young workers;
7) Maintain harmonious, equitable and stable labor relations system that is supportive of national and regional economic policies and programs;
8) Uphold the rights of workers and employers to organize and to promote free collective bargaining as the foundation of the labor relations system; and,

9) Provide and ensure the fair and expeditious settlement and disposition of labor and industrial disputes through collective bargaining, grievance machinery, conciliation, mediation, voluntary arbitration, compulsory arbitration as may be provided by law, and other modes that may be voluntarily agreed upon by the parties concerned.

B. Department of Local Government

1) Advise the Regional Governor on the promulgation of regional policies, rules, regulations and other issuances relative to the general supervision of local governments;
2) Establish and prescribe rules, regulations and other issuances implementing laws on the general supervision of local governments and the promotion of local autonomy and community empowerment and to monitor compliance thereof by said units;
3) Provide assistance in the preparation of regional legislation affecting the local governments;
4) Establish and prescribe regional plans, policies, programs and projects to strengthen the administrative, technical and fiscal capabilities of local government offices and personnel; and,
5) Formulate plans, policies and programs which will meet local emergencies arising from natural and man-made disasters.

C. Department of Tourism

1) Advise the Regional Governor on the promulgation of regional laws relative to the policy, plans, programs and projects designed to promote and develop the tourism industry;
2) Formulate policies, plans, programs and projects for the development of the tourism industry within the ARMM;
3) Devise an integrated marketing program designed to attract and induce people abroad to visit the ARMM;
4) Promote and ensure the pleasant and hospitable entry, stay and egress of tourists;
5) Coordinate with any or all government agencies, civil or military, in the implementation of the rules and regulations, other issuances, and enforcement of orders and/or decisions of the appropriate regional agency;
6) Formulate standards for tourism-oriented establishments that will prescribe minimum levels of operating quality and efficiency in order to ensure that facilities, personnel and services are maintained in accordance with acceptable local and international norms in the operations of tourism-oriented establishments;
7) Promulgate rules and regulations governing the operations and activities of all persons, firms, entities and establishments that cater to tourists, to provide standards for accreditation of hotels, resorts and tourist-oriented facilities for classification purposes, and to prescribe rules and regulations governing the issuance of licenses to travel agencies consistent with national laws;
8) Approve the construction standards of accredited tourism-oriented establishments including hotels, resorts, inns, motels, and other related facilities and services;
9) Prescribe information reporting on the purchase, sale or lease of accredited tourism-oriented facilities;
10) Ensure a harmonious, positive and constructive development of the tourism industry;
11) Provide technical assistance to the Committee on Privatization and Asset Privatization Trust, or such other government agency, office or institution as are charged with the duty and/or responsibility of selling government-owned or controlled hotels, resorts and other tourist-oriented facilities within the ARMM;

12) Promote the ARMM as a locale for foreign film or movie production or any other form of entertainment that will serve to enhance the image of the Philippines as a tourist destination internationally;
13) Prescribe programs to encourage private sector investment and participation in tourism activities and projects;
14) Compile and integrate a statistical data bank on the tourism industry;
15) Promote the protection, maintenance and preservation of historical, cultural and natural assets with tourist attractions with the appropriate government agencies or with the private sector or with the owners of said assets or attractions;
16) Undertake research studies and surveys for the continuing analysis of economic conditions and trends relating to tourism and travel;
17) Protect and enhance the Filipino image in the entertainment field and thereby gain better international respect and reputation for the ARMM by assisting the appropriate government agency in auditioning Filipino entertainers being sent abroad;
18) Evaluate incentives to tourist-oriented facilities, and submit their recommendations to the Regional Governor;
19) Assist in the enforcement of all laws and regulations for the protection of tourists and other transients;
20) Exercise such other powers and functions that may be necessary, proper, or incidental to the attainment of its mandate;
21) Arrange, whenever deemed appropriate, for the reclamation of any land adjacent to or adjoining a tourist zone in coordination with appropriate government agencies;
22) Coordinate with appropriate government agencies the development of infrastructure requirements supporting a tourist zone such as, but not limited to, access roads to the zone electric power brought to the proper line of the zone, airports, harbors, and other support facilities; and,
23) Coordinate with concerned government agencies the provision of social infrastructure requirements supporting a tourist zone as educational facilities, health centers, social and recreational outlets and other necessary amenities for the social upliftment of the populace and preservation of ecological balance.

D. Department of Environment and Natural Resources

1) Advise the Regional Governor on the enactment of regional laws relative to the development, use, regulation and conservation of the natural resources and the control of pollution in the ARMM;
2) Formulate, implement and supervise the Autonomous Regional Government's policies, plans and programs pertaining to the management, conservation, development, use and replenishment of the ARMM's natural resources;
3) Promulgate rules and regulation in accordance with regional law governing the exploration, development, conservation, extraction, disposition, use and such other commer cial activities tending to cause the depletion and degradation of our natural resources;
4) Exercise supervision and control over forest lands, alienable and disposable lands, and mineral resources within the ARMM;
5) Undertake exploration, assessment, classification and inventory of the ARMM's natural resources;

6) Promote proper and mutual consultation with the private sector involving natural resources development, use and conservation within the ARMM;
7) Undertake geological surveys of the whole ARMM including its territorial waters;
8) Establish and implement programs for the:

    a. Accelerated inventory, surveys and classification of the ARMM's natural resources;
    b. Equitable distribution of natural resources;
    c. Promotion, development and expansion of natural resource-based industries;
    d. Preservation of cultural and natural heritage through wildlife conservation and segregation of national parks and other protected areas;
    e. Maintenance of a wholesome natural environment by enforcing environmental protection laws; and,
    f. Encouragement of greater people participation and private initiative in natural resource management.

9) Promulgate rules and regulations necessary to:

    a. Accelerate cadastral and emancipation patent surveys, land use planning and public land titling;
    b. Harness forest resources in a sustainable manner, to assist rural development, support forest-based industries, and provide raw materials to meet increasing demands, at the same time keeping adequate reserves for environmental stability; and,
    c. Expedite mineral resources surveys, promote the production of metallic and non-metallic minerals and encourage mineral marketing.

10) Regulate the development, disposition, extraction, exploration and use of the ARMM's forest, land and mineral resources;
11) Assume responsibility for the assessment, development, protection, conservation, licensing and regulation;
12) Promulgate rules, regulations and guidelines concerning development, exploration and utilization of the ARMM's natural resources;
13) Exercise exclusive jurisdiction on the management and disposition of all lands of the public domain within the ARMM;
14) Implement measures for the regulation and supervision of the processing of forest products, grading and inspection of lumber and other forest products and monitoring of the movement of timber and other forest products within the ARMM;
15) Promulgate rules and regulations for the control of water, air and land pollution within the ARMM;
16) Promulgate ambient and effluent standards for water and air quality including the allowable level of other pollutants and radiations;
17) Promulgate policies rules and regulations for the conservation of the ARMM's genetic resources and biological diversity, and endangered habitats;
18) Formulate an integrated, multi-sectoral, and multi-disciplinary regional conservation strategy, which will be presented to the Regional Governor; and,
19) Exercise other powers and functions and perform such other acts as may be necessary, proper or incidental to the attainment of its mandates and objectives.

E. Department of Social Welfare and Development

1) Formulate, develop and implement regional plans, programs and projects in the field of social welfare and development;
2) Adopt regional policies to ensure effective implementation of programs for public and private social welfare services;
3) Promote, support and coordinate the establishment, expansion and maintenance of non-governmental social welfare facilities, projects and services;
4) Establish, operate, maintain and otherwise support regional institutional facilities, projects and services for its constituents;
5) Promote, build and strengthen people's organizations for a self-directing welfare system at the grassroots level;
6) Promote, support and coordinate networks and facilities for identification and delivery of appropriate interventions to its welfare constituents;
7) Undertake researches and studies on matters pertaining to its constituency;
8) Deputize law enforcement agencies to assist in the implementation of laws, rules and regulations for the protection of the rights of the exploited, abused and disadvantaged;
9) Disseminate information and public technical bulletins on social welfare and development;
10) Regulate fund drives, public solicitations and donations for charitable or welfare purposes;
11) Deputize local government units and other agencies of government as are necessary in providing disaster relief; and,
12) Coordinate all activities pertaining to the implementation of programs and services for the disabled, the aging and other socially disadvantaged.

F. Department of Science and Technology

1) Formulate and adopt a comprehensive regional science and technology (S & T) plan consistent with the regional and provincial development goals of the National S & T Plan, monitor and coordinate its funding and implementation by all government agencies and instrumentalities;
2) Promote, assist and, where appropriate, undertake scientific and technological research and development (R & D) in those areas which are determined to be vital to the region's development and which offer optimum returns for resources employed;
3) Promote the development of indigenous technology and adaptation and innovation of imported technology with the help of the R & D Institutes, and in this regard, undertake technology development up to commercial stage;
4) Undertake design and engineering work to complement its research and development functions;
5) Promote, assist and, where appropriate, undertake the transfer of the results of scientific and technological research and development to end-users;
6) Promote, assist and, where appropriate, undertake technological services in the region needed by agriculture, industry, transport, and the general public;
7) Develop and maintain an information system and databank on science and technology for use by the public and private sectors;
8) Develop and implement, in coordination with DOST's Service Institutes, Regional Offices, Attached Agencies, Universities, and other entities concerned, programs for strengthening scientific and technological capabilities in the relevant disciplines through manpower

training, infrastructure and institution building and rationalization, in both the public and private sectors;

9) Promote public consciousness in science and technology; and,
10) Undertake policy research, technology assessment and feasibility studies.

SEC. 6. *Functions to be Transferred Conditionally*. Functions that are to be transferred on a conditional basis, such as licensing and accreditation mandated by national laws, shall be the subject of a Memorandum of Agreement between the concerned national agency or office and the Autonomous Regional Government, subject to the approval of the President.

SEC. 7. *Standard Setting*. The Autonomous Regional Government, in the exercise of the powers devolved in this Executive Order, may formulate its own standards: *Provided*, That in the formulation of regional standards it shall adhere to the national standards as a minimum requirement and the pertinent national laws. No regionally defined standards shall be below the national standards.

SEC. 8. *Programs and Projects*. Locally funded projects within the ARMM of the six line agencies abovementioned shall be transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government including project staff, budgets and assets acquired.

Foreign-funded projects covered by an existing contract and already obligated shall continue to be the sole responsibility of the national line agency. A Memorandum of Agreement may be entered into between the line department and the Autonomous Regional Government insofar as implementation and operations are concerned within the ARMM.

SEC. 9. *Assets, Equipment, Offices and Land*. All assets and equipment already existing, being utilized or programmed for use in the four (4) provinces covered by the ARMM shall likewise be turned over to the Regional Government.

Offices and the land, wherein these edifices are built, within the ARMM, shall immediately be transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government.

SEC. 10. *Liabilities*. Liabilities incurred by the six line agencies abovementioned, in the exercise of their mandate in the ARMM, shall likewise be transferred; *Provided*, *That*, the National Government shall continue such levels of expenditures as may be necessary to carry out the functions devolved under Republic Act No. 6734; *Provided*, *however*, That the annual budgetary support shall, as soon as practicable, terminate as to these line agencies or offices devolved to the Autonomous Regional Government.

SEC. 11. *Personnel*. Plantilla positions, whether filled or unfilled, of the six line agencies abovementioned, effectively assigned to or located in the four (4) provinces as their official station, shall immediately be placed under the control and supervision of the Autonomous Regional Government. Personal services budget shall henceforth be transferred.

All officers and employees in the career service in said offices to be absorbed by the Autonomous Regional Government shall be considered regular and permanent officers and employees of the said government and shall retain their seniority rights, compensation, and other benefits. They shall enjoy security of tenure and shall not be removed except for a valid cause and after due notice and hearing in accordance with Civil Service laws, rules and regulations.

Those who refuse to be absorbed by the Autonomous Regional Government shall have the following options: (a) Regular retirement; (b) Absorption by their line department in another office or region based on the availability of position and at the discretion of management; (c) Transfer to another department based on availability of position; or (d) Resignation. Separated personnel who are not eligible for retirement under existing laws shall be entitled to any and all benefits as provided under existing Civil Service laws.

SEC. 12. *Special Assistance*. In the case of any of the six line agencies abovementioned, notably Tourism, Science and Technology, and Labor and Employment, in which there is an absence or few resources to be transferred, special assistance in the form of additional budgetary support or technical assistance in kind shall be extended to the Autonomous Regional Government to be specified in a proposal approved by the Oversight Committee; *Provided*, *however*, That all the aforesaid six line departments shall endeavor to provide any assistance beyond those required in this Executive Order.

SEC. 13. *Attached Agencies*. Attached agencies and corporations of the six line agencies abovementioned shall continue to be controlled and supervised by the national line agency. A Memorandum of Agreement covering specific functions and/or programs of an attached agency or corporation operating within the ARMM may be entered into by the concerned national line agency and the Autonomous Regional Government, subject to the approval of the President.

SEC. 14. *Separability Clause*. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Executive Order shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 15. *Effectivity*. This Executive Order shall take effect fifteen days after its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation and one (1) local newspaper of general circulation in the ARMM.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 12th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 426
PLACING THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THE OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO UNDER THE AUTONOMOUS REGIONAL GOVERNMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the second paragraph of Section 4, Article XIX of Republic Act No. 6734 provides that: "[O]ther National Government offices and agencies in the Autonomous Region which are not excluded under paragraph (9), Section 2, Article V of this Organic Act, together with their personnel, equipment, properties and budgets shall be placed under the control and supervision of the Regional Government pursuant to a schedule prescribed by the Oversight Committee mentioned in Section 3, Article XIX of this Organic Act: *Provided, however*, That the transfer of these offices and agencies and their personnel, equipment, properties and budgets shall be accomplished within six (6) years from the organization of the Regional Government".

WHEREAS, the Oversight Committee has identified that the offices of the Department of Public Works and Highways in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao may be immediately transferred to implement the regional public works of the Autonomous Regional Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Transfer of Control and Supervision*. The offices of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) within the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) including their functions, powers and responsibilities, personnel, equipment, properties, budgets and liabilities are hereby placed under the control and supervision of the Autonomous Regional Government.

In particular, these offices are identified as the four (4) District Engineering Offices (DEO) in each of the four provinces respectively and the three (3) Area Equipment Services (AES) located in Tawi-Tawi, Sulu and Maguindanao (Municipality of Sultan Kudarat).

SEC. 2. *Functions Transferred*. The Autonomous Regional Government shall be responsible for highways, flood control and water resource development systems, and other public works within the ARMM and shall exercise the following functions:

1. Undertake and evaluate the planning, design, construction and works supervision for the infrastructure projects whose location and impact are confined within the ARMM;
2. Undertake the maintenance of the infrastructure facilities within the ARMM and supervise the maintenance of such local roads and other infrastructure receiving financial assistance from the National Government;
3. Ensure the implementation of laws, policies, programs, rules and regulations regarding infrastructure projects as well as all public and private physical structures within the ARMM;
4. Provide technical assistance related to their functions to other agencies within the ARMM, especially the local government units;

5. Coordinate with other national and regional government departments, agencies, institutions, and organizations, especially the local government units within the ARMM in the planning and implementation of infrastructure projects;
6. Conduct continuing consultations with the local communities, take appropriate measures to make the services of the Autonomous Regional Government responsive to the needs of the general public and recommend such appropriate actions as may be necessary; and,
7. Perform such other related duties and responsibilities within the ARMM as may be assigned or delegated by the Regional Governor or as may be provided by law.

SEC. 3. *Functions Retained by the National Government*. Functions not specified herein shall be retained by the DPWH. These include, among others, the reserved powers of the National Government in accordance with Article V, Section 2, as well as those subject to specific provisions, of Republic Act No. 6734; *Provided*, That, the DPWH and the Autonomous Regional Government may enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with reference to operationalizing these functions within the ARMM subject to the approval of the Office of the President: *Provided*, *however*, That the operations of the National Government are not prejudiced.

SEC. 4. *Standard Setting*. The National Building Code and other national engineering and construction standards specified by law and/or prescribed by the Department of Public Works and Highways shall be adopted as minimum standards by the Autonomous Regional Government. The Autonomous Regional Government, however, may adopt stricter standards but at no time shall compromise national engineering and construction standards.

SEC. 5. *Programs and Projects*. Locally funded projects of the offices mentioned in Section 1 hereof are hereby transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government including project-hired staff, budgets, liabilities and assets acquired.

Foreign-funded projects covered by existing loans or grant agreements shall continue to be the responsibility of the DPWH. A Memorandum of Agreement may be entered into between the DPWH and the Autonomous Regional Government insofar as implementation arrangements within the ARMM are concerned subject to the approval of the President.

SEC. 6. *Assets, Equipment, Buildings and Land.* All existing assets and equipment of the four District Engineering Offices and three Area Equipment Services within the ARMM are hereby turned over to the Autonomous Regional Government.

Buildings and the land wherein these edifices are built, of the aforementioned offices within the ARMM are hereby transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government.

SEC. 7. *Budget*. The balance of allotments outstanding for the current fiscal year as of the date of effectivity of this Executive Order and the fiscal accountability for capital outlays of locally-funded projects undertaken by the four District Engineering Offices and three Area Equipment Services as well as the current operating expenses of the said offices shall be transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government thru the withdrawal of the appropriate advices of allotment by the Department of Budget and Management from the Department of Public Works and Highways and subsequent release to the Autonomous Regional Government.

SEC. 8. *Liabilities*. The contract obligations entered into by the aforementioned District Engineering Offices and Area Equipment Services will be assumed by the Autonomous Regional Government; *Provided*, that the contract obligations of the DPWH regional office for projects within the ARMM shall continue to be paid by the DPWH regional office; *Provided*, *further*, That the National Government shall continue such levels of expenditures as may be necessary to carry out the functions devolved under Republic Act No. 6734 and this Executive Order; *Provided*, *finally*, That the annual

operating budget support for these offices devolved to the Autonomous Regional Government shall terminate as soon as practicable.

SEC. 9. *Personnel*. All regular plantilla positions, whether filled or unfilled, of the aforementioned District Engineering Offices and Area Equipment Services effectively assigned to or located in the four (4) provinces within the ARMM as their official station, shall immediately be placed under the control and supervision of the Autonomous Regional Government. The corresponding personal services budget shall henceforth be transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government.

All personnel in the career service of the aforementioned District Engineering Offices and Area Equipment Services shall be absorbed by the Autonomous Regional Government and shall retain their seniority rights, compensation and other benefits in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Civil Service Commission.

Those who refuse to transfer to the Autonomous Regional Government shall have the following options: regular retirement; absorption by their line department in another office or region based on the availability of position and at the discretion of management; transfer to another department based on availability of position; or resignation. Personnel separated from the service as a result of the implementation of this Executive Order shall, if entitled thereto under existing laws, be given separation or other benefits.

SEC. 10. *Attached Agencies*. The control and supervision of DPWH-attached corporations and agencies, namely the Local Water Utilities Administration, National Irrigation Administration and the National Water Resources Board, despite having projects within the ARMM, shall be retained by the DPWH. The three attached agencies, however, shall coordinate all their plans, programs and projects within the ARMM with the Regional Planning and Development Board.

The Autonomous Regional Government, in the Provinces of Lanao del Sur and Maguindanao, will be vested with similar authorities given to DPWH regional directors and district engineers as provided in the Water Code including the power to grant temporary water permits and permits to drill wells subject to final approval of the National Water Resources Board. In the Island Provinces of Tawi-Tawi and Sulu, the Autonomous Regional Government shall assume all levels of authority including approval and regulation with reference to water rights.

SEC. 11. *Special Assistance*. The DPWH Regional Office shall provide the Autonomous Regional Government technical assistance with reference to the implementation of the National Building Code, highway standards and other national engineering and construction standards as specified by law and/or as prescribed by the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SEC. 12. *Separability Clause*. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Executive Order shall be held unconstitutional or declared contrary to law, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 13. *Effectivity*. This Executive Order shall take effect fifteen days after publication in one (1) national newspaper of general circulation and one (1) local newspaper of general circulation in the ARMM.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 12th day of October, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 427
PLACING THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF BARTER TRADE IN JOLO, SULU WITH THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, traditional barter trading has been a principal source of income of the people living in the Sulu Archipelago;

WHEREAS, Section 23, Article XIII of Republic Act. No. 6734 otherwise known as the Organic Act of the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao provides that: "[S]ubject to national policies, the Regional Government shall regulate barter trade and countertrade with neighboring countries";

WHEREAS, Memorandum Order No. 24, S. of 1986, enacted by the President pursuant to her lawmaking power under the Freedom Constitution, has established the current national policy towards barter trade;

WHEREAS, Section 7 of Memorandum Order No. 24, S. of 1986, provides that there be a "gradual and systematic phaseout of barter trading activities in the areas concerned and the shift to conventional trading within a period of five (5) years from the effectivity of Memorandum Order No. 24, including export development" for which a Barter Trade Inter-Agency Committee was later created by the President for this purpose;

WHEREAS, the present national policy restricts barter trading to the Sulu Archipelago only;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 6734 the Oversight Committee for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao has recommended the immediate transfer of the administration, control and supervision of the barter trade operations in Jolo, Sulu, to the Autonomous Regional Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Transfer of Control and Supervision of Barter Trade*. The administration, control and supervision of the barter trading in Jolo, Sulu, under the operations of the Southern Philippines Development Authority (SPDA), is hereby placed under the control and supervision of the Regional Government of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao subject to Memorandum Order 24, S. of 1986, and BT-IAC Memorandum Circular Nos. 1 and 2 issued by the Barter Trade Inter-Agency Committee implementing the national policy.

SEC. 2. *Powers and Functions*. The Autonomous Regional Government shall hereby exercise the following powers and functions on the control, supervision and regulation of barter trading:

1) The Autonomous Regional Government shall establish the value of merchandise, goods or articles per trip for every trader set at P5,000 per trip per trader pursuant to Memorandum Order No. 24, S. of 1986;
2) The Autonomous Regional Government shall establish the number of allowable trips per month per trader;
3) The Autonomous Regional Government shall:

a) Promulgate the necessary rules, regulations and guidelines governing barter trade, after consultation with the Bureau of Customs and the Armed Forces of the Philippines;
b) Register and accredit qualified traders to engage in barter trading within the Barter Trade area;
c) Coordinate all activities relative to barter trade and to undertake all necessary measures subject to national policy.

SEC. 3. *Barter Trade Operations Center*. The Barter Trade Operations Center in Jolo, Sulu under the Southern Philippines Development Authority is hereby transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government. All contractual personnel, assets and equipment are to be transferred subject to the usual accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.

SEC. 4. *Barter Trade Revenues*. All revenues collected by the SPDA Barter Trade Operations Center net of expenses and other payables as of the date of effectivity of this Executive Order are to be transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government. For this purpose, and audit of this account shall be requested of the Commission on Audit to determine the amount to be transferred.

SEC. 5. *Regional Barter Trade Inter-Agency Committee*. The National Barter Trade Inter-Agency Committee is hereby abolished. The Regional Governor shall create, by his authority, a Regional Barter Trade Inter-Agency Committee which shall include the regional representative of the Department of Trade and Industry, the Bureau of Customs and the Philippine Coast Guard.

The Regional Barter Trade Inter-Agency Committee shall advise the Regional Governor on all matters regarding barter trade, review and coordinate government policies and the activities of government agencies and instrumentalities with regards barter trade and Memorandum Order No. 24, S. of 1986.

SEC. 6. *Separability Clause*. If for any reason any part or provision of this Executive Order shall be held unconstitutional or contrary to law, the provisions hereof which are not affected hereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity*. This Executive Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation and one (1) local newspaper of general circulation in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 12th day of October, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 428
ADOPTING A FORMULA IN DETERMINING THE ANNUAL ASSISTANCE FOR FIVE YEARS OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGIONAL GOVERNMENT IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Provinces of Lanao del Norte, Maguindanao, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi comprise the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao as a result of the plebiscite held on 19 November 1989;

WHEREAS, Article XIX, Section 10 of Republic Act No. 6734 provides that: "[T]he National Government shall, in addition to its regular annual allotment to the Autonomous Region, provide the Regional Government Two billion pesos (P2,000,000,000.00) as annual assistance for five (5) years, to fund infrastructure projects duly identified, endorsed and approved by the Regional Planning and Development Board herein created: *Provided, however*, That the annual assistance herein mentioned shall be appropriated and disbursed through a Public Works Act duly enacted by the Regional Assembly: *Provided*, *further*, That this annual assistance may be adjusted proportionately in accordance with the number of provinces and cities joining the Autonomous Region: and *Provided, finally*, That the national programs and projects in the Autonomous Region shall continue to be financed out of national funds";

WHEREAS, the Oversight Committee has deliberated on the proportionate adjustment of the annual assistance in accordance with the four provinces which voted favorably for its inclusion over the total proposed area of thirteen provinces as defined in Section 1, paragraph (1) Article II of Republic Act No. 6734, and recommended a formula of 100% equal sharing among the four provinces upon which the adjustment is to be affected;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The annual assistance for infrastructure projects, based on the formula recommended by the Oversight Committee, shall be in the amount of Six hundred fifteen million (P615,000,000.00) starting fiscal year 1991 to 1995 in accordance with the requirements of Republic Act No. 6734.

SEC. 2. The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) is hereby ordered to incorporate Six hundred fifteen million pesos (P615,000,000.00) for the aforesaid annual assistance for infrastructure projects in the budget message of the President for five years, starting with fiscal year 1991, and issue the necessary guidelines for budgetary releases therefor.

SEC. 3. The Department of Budget and Management, in consultation with the Autonomous Regional Government, shall automatically adjust the amount of annual substance in the event of accession by other provinces in Mindanao based on the aforecited formula.

SEC. 4. The Autonomous Regional Government may source additional financing for its infrastructure program, on a project proposal basis, from the official development assistance extended by the National Government within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Official Development Assistance subject to its rules and regulations.

SEC. 5. The Coordinating Council of the Philippine Assistance Program shall assist the Autonomous Regional Government in funding and formulating feasibility and other technical studies.

SEC. 6. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 12th day of October, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 429
PROVIDING FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONS IN MINDANAO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 15 of the Constitution states that:

> "There shall be created autonomous regions in Muslim Mindanao and in the Cordilleras consisting of provinces, cities, municipalities and geographical areas sharing common and distinctive historical and cultural heritage, economic and social structures, and other relevant characteristics within the framework of this Constitution and the national sovereignty as well as territorial integrity of the Republic of the Philippines";

WHEREAS, pursuant to the aforesaid mandate, Republic Act No. 6734 entitled, "An Act Providing For An Organic Act For The Autonomous Region In Muslim Mindanao" was signed into law on August 1, 1989;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 6734, a plebiscite was held on November 19, 1989 in the provinces and cities identified in Republic Act No. 6734;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Elections, in its Resolution No. 2205 dated November 26, 1989, declared that the Organic Act for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao has been approved and/or ratified in the Provinces of Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, Maguindanao and Lanao del Sur;

WHEREAS, Article XIX, Section 13 of Republic Act No. 6734 states that:

> "The creation of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao shall take effect when approved by a majority of the votes cast by the constituent units provided in paragraph (2) of Sec. 1 of Article II of this Act in a plebiscite which shall be held not earlier than ninety (90) days or later than one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act: *Provided*, That only the provinces and cities voting favorably in such plebiscite shall be included in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. The provinces and cities which in the plebiscite do not vote for inclusion in the Autonomous Region shall remain in the existing administrative regions: *Provided*, *however*, That the President may, by administrative determination, merge the existing regions".

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to reorganize the administrative regions in Mindanao to guarantee the effective delivery of the field services of government agencies taking into consideration the formation of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. REGION IX, to be known as WESTERN MINDANAO, shall be reorganized to include the following provinces and cities:

Provinces

Zamboanga del Norte	Misamis Occidental
Zamboanga del Sur	Lanao del Norte
Basilan	

Cities

Zamboanga	Tangub
Pagadian	Ozamis
Dipolog	Iligan
Dapitan	Marawi
Oroquieta	

The City of Pagadian shall serve as the regional center. The City of Zamboanga shall remain the commercial and industrial center.

SEC. 2. REGION X, to be known as NORTHERN MINDANAO, shall include the following provinces and cities:

Provinces

Agusan del Norte	Camiguin
Agusan del Sur	Bukidnon
Misamis Oriental	Surigao del Norte

Cities

Cagayan de Oro
Gingoog
Butuan

The City of Cagayan de Oro shall serve as the regional center.

SEC. 3. REGION XI, to be known as SOUTHERN MINDANAO, shall include the following provinces and city:

Provinces

Davao del Sur	Davao Oriental
Davao del Norte	Surigao del Sur

City

Davao City

The City of Davao shall serve as the regional center.

SEC. 4. REGION XII, to be known as CENTRAL MINDANAO, shall include the following provinces and cities:

Provinces

Sultan Kudarat
Cotabato
South Cotabato

Cities

Cotabato
General Santos

The Municipality of Koronadal (Marbel) in South Cotabato shall serve as the regional center.

SEC. 5. The Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) as per the outcome of the November 19, 1989 plebiscite shall be composed of the following provinces:

Provinces

Sulu	Maguindanao
Tawi-Tawi	Lanao del Sur

The City of Cotabato shall serve as the provisional capital until such time as the Regional Assembly shall fix by law the permanent seat of government for the ARMM in accordance with Republic Act No. 6734.

SEC. 6. The transfer of the regional centers in the reorganized Regions IX and XII shall be effected within eighteen (18) months from the effectivity of this Executive Order subject to the availability of funds for the purpose.

SEC. 7. The following committees shall supervise the following tasks to be completed by 31 December 1990.

(1) For Region XII

Chairman:	Mr. Jesus V. Ayala
Members:	Cabinet Officer for Regional Development for Region XI
	Cabinet Officer for Regional Development for Region XII
	Department of Local Government
	National Economic and Development Authority Secretariat
	Department of Budget and Management
	Presidential Management Staff

This Committee shall supervise the transfer of South Cotabato from Region XI to Region XII, and the organization of the Regional Development Council in the newly reorganized administrative region of Region XII.

(1) For Region IX

Chairman:	Sec. Fidel V. Ramos
Members:	Cabinet Officer for Regional Development for Region X
	Cabinet Officer for Regional Development for Region XII
	Chairman of the Regional Development Council for Region X
	Department of Local Government
	National Economic and Development Authority Secretariat
	Department of Budget and Management
	Presidential Management Staff

This Committee shall supervise the transfer of Lanao del Norte and Misamis Occidental from Regions XII and X, respectively, to Region IX, as well as the cities of Iligan and Marawi from Region XII to Region IX; and the reorganization of the Regional Development Council in the newly reorganized administrative region of Region IX.

SEC. 8. Regions X and XI shall likewise organize their respective Regional Development Councils as a result of the transfer of some provinces and/or cities to other regions.

SEC. 9. The Committee may call upon any government agency for assistance, and may designate any office to serve as its secretariat.

SEC. 10. All issuances, ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 11. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 12th day of October, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 430
CONSTITUTING THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON BIOSAFETY OF THE PHILIPPINES (NCBP) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the impact of the new technologies on health, agriculture, chemical and pharmaceutical, and environment and natural resources has been a continuing world-wide concern of many countries;

WHEREAS, biotechnology has high potential to improve the quality of human life but may have concomitant risks and hazards to health safety, the environment and society;

WHEREAS, the hazards associated with the processes and the products of researches in biotechnology may be minimized, if not totally eliminated, by the different containment levels and procedures observed in the laboratories and greenhouses;

WHEREAS, most of the risks are associated with the field testing and eventual deliberate release of genetically manipulated/engineered organisms into the environment;

WHEREAS, there is a need to constitute a body that shall undertake the study and evaluation of existing laws, policies and guidelines on biotechnology and its related matters, and recommend such measures for its effective utilization and prevention of possible pernicious efects in the environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. There is hereby constituted the National Committee on Biosafety of the Philippines, hereinafter referred to as the NCBP, which shall be attached to the Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

The NCBP shall be composed of the following:

Chairman	-	DOST Undersecretary for R & D
Members	-	1 biological scientist
		1 environmental scientist
		1 physical scientist
		1 social scientist
		2 respected members of the community
		1 representative each from DA, DENR, and DOH to be designated by the respective Heads of Offices

SEC 2. The members of the NCBP shall have the following terms of office:

(a) The term of office of the Chairman shall be coterminous with his appointment as Undersecretary for R & D; and,
(b) All members, excluding the Chairman, shall serve for a term of three (3) years, renewable for another term or more under exceptional circumstances; Provided, That, the members

representing DA, DENR and DOH shall hold the positions for the duration of the term of their appointments in such agencies.

SEC 3. The members of the NCBP shall have the following qualifications:

(a) Filipino citizens of unquestionable integrity who reside permanently in the Philippines;
(b) The four scientist-members shall possess a minimum of seven (7) years of collegiate and post-collegiate training (degree and/or non-degree) in their respective field.

SEC 4. The NCBP shall have the following functions:

(a) Identify and evaluate potential hazards involved in initiating genetic engineering experiments or the introduction of new species and genetically engineered organisms and recommend measures to minimize risks;
(b) Formulate and review national policies and guidelines on biosafety, such as the safe conduct of work on genetic engineering, pests and their genetic materials for the protection of public health, environment and personnel and supervise the implementation thereof;
(c) Formulate and review national policies and guidelines in risk assessment of work in biotechnology, and supervise the implementation thereof;
(d) Develop working arrangements with the government quarantine services and institutions in the evaluation, monitoring, and review of projects vis-a-vis adherence to national policies and guidelines on biosafety;
(e) Assist in the development of technical expertise, facilities and other resources for quarantine services and risk assessments;
(f) Recommend the development and promotion of research programs to establish risk assessment protocols and assessment of long-term environmental effects of biological research covered by these guidelines;
(g) Publish the results of internal deliberation and agency reviews of the committee;
(h) Hold public deliberations on proposed national policies, guidelines and other biosafety issues;
(i) Provide assistance in the formulation, amendment of pertinent laws, rules and regulations; and
(j) Call upon the assistance of any government agency, department, office, bureau including government-owned and/or controlled corporations.

The Department of Science and Technology shall be the Secretariat of the NCBP, with the member agencies providing additional staff support as the need arises.

SEC 5. The Department of Science and Technology shall allocate from its present budget such amount as may be necessary for the initial operations of the NCBP and its Secretariat. Thereafter, the funding requirements shall be included in the general appropriations bill submitted to the Congress.

SEC 6. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 15th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 431
FURTHER EXPANDING THE DELINEATED BATANGAS PORT ZONE AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 385, DATED DECEMBER 19, 1989

I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The territorial jurisdiction of the Port of Batangas is hereby further expanded and delineated as follows:

Beginning at a point marked 1 on the plan located at the northeast corner of Sta. Clara Elementary School, Batangas City;

Thence to point 2 at a distance of 404 m with bearing N30°17′15.6″ W;
Thence to point 3 at a distance of 1,200 m with bearing N59°42′44.4″ E;
Thence to point 4 at a distance of 550 m with bearing N30°17′15.6″ W;
Thence to point 5 at a distance of 1,800 m with bearing N60°17′15.6″ W;
Thence to point 6 at a distance of 1,027 m with bearing S44°15′02″ W;
Thence to point 7 at a distance of 610 m with bearing S59°42′44.4″ W;
Thence to point 8 at a distance of 2,750.00 m with bearing S30°17′15.6″ E;
Thence to point 9 at a distance of 1,150 m with bearing N59°42′44.4″ E;
Thence to point 10 at a distance of 511 m with bearing N30°17′15.6″ W;

Thence back to point 1, the point of beginning, at a distance 150 m with bearing N59°42′44.4″ E, all in all, comprising a total area of 5,380,893.7 square meters or 538.09 hectares, more or less.

SECTION 2. The Batangas Port Zone, as expanded and delineated, is hereby placed under the administrative jurisdiction of the Philippine Ports Authority which shall, consistent with law and the regional industrial plans of the Government, implement a program for the proper zoning, titling, planning, development, and utilization of the port areas in the said Port Zone.

SECTION 3. Executive Order No. 385, dated December 19, 1989, and all orders and issuances, rules, and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Batangas, this 19th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 432
ORDERING THE STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 825
PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE
AND OTHER FORMS OF UNCLEANLINESS

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 825 provides penalties for improper disposal of garbage and other forms of uncleanliness;

WHEREAS, the implementation and enforcement of said Presidential Decree has been neglected through the years, and the garbage problem in the Metro Manila area has deteriorated to a critical level for one reason or another, foremost among which is lack of discipline and collective action among the citizenry in properly disposing of garbage, filth, and other waste matters;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for the National Government to address anew the garbage problem in the Metro Manila area and to awaken among our citizenry the self-discipline and collective action needed to solve this recurrent socio-environmental problem for the good of the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The provisions of Presidential Decree No. 825, providing penalties for improper disposal of garbage and other forms of uncleanliness, shall forthwith be strictly implemented and enforced by all law enforcement agencies and officers, particularly at the Barangay level. For this purpose, the Barangay may designate the Barangay Tanod as sanitary officers in the area, who shall be assisted and supported by the Metropolitan Manila Authority.

SEC. 2. The Metropolitan Manila Authority shall ensure that the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 825 and of this Executive Order are faithfully and strictly implemented and enforced throughout Metro Manila area. The Metropolitan Manila Authority may request the assistance and cooperation of all law enforcement agencies and government offices and instrumentalities, national and local, with the end in view of instilling discipline and collective action among the citizenry, in resolving the recurrent garbage problem.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 433
DIRECTING THE IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADDITIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES

WHEREAS, the current uncertain situation in the Gulf continues to affect the country's oil supply situation;

WHEREAS, in order to stretch supply and thus prevent depletion of our petroleum product inventories, the government has directed the oil companies to reduce by ten percent (10%) all sales and deliveries to petroleum fuel resellers, distributors, marketers, retailers including bulk sales to industrial/commercial or agricultural customers and other agencies/corporations, or individuals directly withdrawing their petroleum product requirements from oil companies depots, bulk plants and other storage and distribution facilities;

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the mandated reduction in petroleum fuel supplies be complemented by additional energy conservation measures;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. All departments, agencies, offices, government-owned and/or controlled corporations, local government units and other government instrumentalities shall adopt additional measures to limit the use of their petroleum products supplies to essential activities properly authorized by their respective heads.

Accordingly, they shall seek to increase the mandated 10% and 5% reductions in electricity and fuel consumption by all departments, agencies, offices, government-owned and/or controlled corporations, local government units and other government instrumentalities provided under Section 1 of Executive Order No. 418, S. of 1990, to 15% and 10%, respectively.

SEC. 2. Air-conditioning units in all government offices shall be switched on at the start of office hours but not earlier than 8:00 a.m. and shall be put off one (1) hour before the regular closing hour. This is in addition to what is required under National Emergency Memorandum Order (NEMO) No. 17, S. of 1990, that air-conditioners shall be put off except air handling units in centralized air-conditioning systems during lunch breaks. For window-type and package-type air-conditioning systems, the units shall be switched to "FAN" only.

Private buildings and offices are hereby encouraged to adopt similar measures on the use of their air-conditioning units considering that statistics show significant energy savings through the regulated use of air-conditioning units in buildings as the latter accounts about 60% of their total power consumption.

SEC. 3. The Department of Trade and Industry shall, in consultation with appropriate trade and industry associations, continue to develop energy conservation programs for their respective members which shall now target the 15% and 10% reduction in electricity and petroleum products consumption and pinpoint responsibility for monitoring and reporting of performance.

SEC. 4. The Office of Energy Affairs shall continue to require industrial, commercial and transport establishments consuming annually more than one million fuel oil equivalent liters of energy including

liquid fuels and electricity to submit an energy conservation program which shall target a 10% cutback in fuel consumption and a 15% reduction in electricity usage. In the case of industrial companies utilizing mainly electricity in their operation, appropriate conservation targets shall be adopted taking into account the realistic usage thereof in coordination with the Office of Energy Affairs.

SEC. 5. There is hereby mandated for nationwide compliance the following measures which:

a. Daily screening time of moviehouses shall be from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. only.
b. Department stores and supermarkets shall operate from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday to Sunday.
c. Outdoor signs and lights for identification purposes shall be turned off by 9:00 p.m. except those necessary for security reasons and signs of establishments solely used as hospitals, sanitaria, medical centers and funeral parlors. Establishments using decorative lights are enjoined to desist from using the same until the energy situation normalizes.
d. Neon lights and other electricity-using signs for advertising purposes shall be used from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. only.

For the effective enforcement of the measures enumerated above, local government units are urged to enact the necessary ordinances that would ensure compliance therewith by providing sanctions and penalties including suspension or closure of those establishments found to be habitually violating the herein set forth energy conservation measures.

SEC. 6. The Department of Transportation and Communications shall accelerate the adoption and implementation of reasonable measures restricting the use of motor vehicles during peak hours of the day and during Sundays and legal holidays or over certain streets during stated hours, so as to conserve fuel.

SEC. 7. The Energy Regulatory Board is hereby requested to consider the adoption of measures restricting the operating hours of petroleum products retail outlets (gasoline stations) including their closure during Sundays and holidays, taking into consideration the necessary safeguards that will ensure the proper distribution of petroleum fuels by gasoline stations especially to jeepneys and other vehicles used for mass transportation.

SEC. 8. All the concerned sectors are hereby urged to cooperate fully in the nationwide energy conservation effort.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 2nd day of November, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 434
PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF RELIEF AGENCIES AND VOLUNTEER-ORGANIZATIONS WITH PROVEN RECORD IN PROVIDING RELIEF WORK IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LIVELIHOOD AND SOCIAL SERVICES AID TO EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

WHEREAS, Section 5 of Republic Act No. 6960 provides that: "[W]ith respect to aid and relief services to individual beneficiaries, the President may seek the assistance and use the services of the Philippine National Red Cross and all other relief agencies and volunteer-organizations with proven record in providing relief work";

WHEREAS, Section 1 of the same Act declares it "the policy of the State to help and assist the victims or their legal heirs in those communities heavily damaged by the earthquakes of July 16, 1990 by extending to them adequate aid, relief, and reconstruction services to the end that life may return to normal at the earliest possible time;"

WHEREAS, the involvement and assistance of relief agencies and volunteer-organizations with proven record in providing relief work may be harnessed to achieve the above-cited objectives of the aforesaid Act, particularly in the areas of livelihood and social services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The involvement and participation of relief agencies and volunteer-organizations, with proven record in providing relief work, in the implementation of the livelihood and social services aid to the earthquake victims or their legal heirs under Republic Act No. 6960, shall be as follows:

1. Identification of needed social services and viable livelihood projects, together with the beneficiaries, in their respective areas of operation, to be funded under Republic Act 6960;

2. Participation in the planning, administration, execution, and monitoring of social services and livelihood projects in such areas of operation including the management and releases of funds under the direct supervision and control of the Presidential Task Force on Rehabilitation;

3. Serve as channel for the distribution of funds to earthquake victims for the financing of their livelihood and emergency employment projects;

4. Dissemination of public information on available social services and livelihood projects in such areas so these may redound to the greatest good of the greatest number of the people therein;

5. Overseeing and ensuring that the implementation of such services and projects are done in accordance with approved plans, specifications, and time schedules; and,

6. Rendering such other assistance as may be necessary to ensure that social services and livelihood projects are extended equitably to all deserving earthquake victims in the area, irrespective of political or party affiliation, sex, creed, religious belief, or ethnic origin, all in accordance with the standards set forth in Republic Act No. 6960 and its implementing rules and regulations.

SEC. 2. All implementing agencies and local government units concerned shall seek and encourage the involvement and participation of relief agencies and volunteer-organizations with proven record in providing relief work in their respective territorial jurisdictions, for the purpose of implementing the livelihood and social services aid to earthquake victims under Republic Act No. 6960.

SEC. 3. The Presidential Task Force on Rehabilitation shall oversee the involvement and participation of all such relief agencies and volunteer-organizations and shall ensure that the aid described hereunder and in Executive Order No. 419, series of 1990, is devoted exclusively for assistance to the victims or their legal heirs in those communities heavily damaged by the earthquakes of July 16, 1990.

SEC. 4. The provisions of Executive Order No. 419, Series of 1990, are hereby modified insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order.

SEC. 5. This Executive Order shall take effect upon its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Done in the City of Manila, this 8th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 435
RECONSTITUTING THE COMMITTEE ON THE REMITTANCE SYSTEM FOR FILIPINO OVERSEAS WORKERS CREATED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 378 DATED NOVEMBER 23, 1989.

WHEREAS, as mentioned in aforesaid Executive Order No. 378, the government recognizes the need to provide for a fast and reliable remittance system for Filipino overseas workers that will ensure speedy delivery to the beneficiaries and afford protection to these Filipinos;

WHEREAS, the Committee has already laid the groundwork for a growing concern among banks of the Foreign Overseas Workers remittance market as a rich source of foreign exchange needed by the economy; and

WHEREAS, the Committee feels that the Central Bank, being the supervisor of the country's banking system, can be more effective in pursuing the Committee's goal of improving the remittance system for Filipino overseas workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, hereby reconstitute the Committee on the Remittance System for Filipino Overseas Workers with the Governor of the Central Bank of the Philippines as Chairman and the Executive Secretary and the Secretary of Labor and Employment as members.

This Executive Order takes effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 15th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 436
DIRECTING MEASURES TO PREVENT EXCESSIVE INCREASES IN PRICES OF CERTAIN PRIME AND ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES AND TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE FROM HOARDING, PROFITEERING, INJURIOUS SPECULATIONS, MANIPULATION OF PRICES, AND OTHER PERNICIOUS PRACTICES IN AREA WHERE A STATE OF PUBLIC CALAMITY HAS BEEN DECLARED DUE TO TYPHOON "RUPING"

WHEREAS, to prevent unreasonable increases in prices of prime and essential commodities and artificial shortages thereof in the areas severely stricken by typhoon "Ruping", and to protect the people from hoarding, profiteering, injurious speculations, manipulation of prices and other activities calculated to take advantage of the situation, certain emergency measures must be undertaken;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Secretary of Trade and Industry is hereby authorized to impose price ceilings on prime and essential commodities in the areas severely stricken by typhoon "Ruping", where a state of public calamity has been declared, and to take such measures as may be appropriate to ensure the availability and reasonable prices of said commodities.

SEC. 2. The prime and essential commodities and their respective price ceilings shall be those recommended by the Emergency Task Forces, composed of government and private sectors representatives, in the calamity stricken areas and approved by the Secretary of Trade and Industry. The list of the prime and essential commodities and their respective price ceilings shall be published in a local newspaper within the area where the price ceilings approved by the Secretary of Trade and Industry shall be imposed.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Trade and Industry is hereby authorized to review, adjust or revise the aforesaid price ceilings on the prime commodities covered as may be warranted.

SEC. 4. The Department of Trade and Industry is hereby directed to implement this Executive Order and to impose penalties as are provided for under Executive Order No. 913, Series of 1983, without prejudice to criminal and civil prosecutions under applicable laws.

SEC. 5. The Department of Trade and Industry is hereby authorized to mobilize and deputize all government agencies and instrumentalities including the local governments, Philippine Constabulary/ Integrated National Police, and other law enforcement agencies to strictly implement this Executive Order.

SEC. 6. The nationwide price ceilings on rice provided for under National Emergency Memorandum Order No. 29 shall remain in force except in the National Capital Region where the price ceilings have been adjusted. Transport and handling add-on cost shall be allowed upon review and approval by the Emergency Task Forces.

SEC. 7. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon publication in a national newspaper of general circulation and shall remain in effect until revoked.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1990). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 437
INCREASING THE TAX ON RENTALS, CHARTER AND OTHER FEES EARNED BY NON-RESIDENT LESSORS OF AIRCRAFT FROM 7.5% TO 8.5% PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH 4, SECTION 25 (b) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the President is authorized under subparagraph 4 of Section 25 (b) of the National Internal Revenue Code, as amended, to prescribe the tax on rentals, charter and other fees earned by non-resident lessors of aircraft, machineries and other equipment upon recommendation of the Secretary of Finance;

WHEREAS, to lessen the regressivity of the income tax system, the present 7.5% preferential tax on rental income of non-resident lessors on leased aircraft should be increased;

WHEREAS, since the common carrier's tax of 2%, which has been one of the bases of the 7.5% preferential tax rate, has been increased by one percentage point by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 1959 in 1984;

WHEREAS, increasing the tax rate still maintains the preferential tax treatment of said income vis-a-vis the normal tax rate of 35% imposed on other corporate incomes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The rate of 8.5% shall be imposed on rentals, charter and other fees derived by non-resident lessors of aircraft.

SEC. 2. The rate of 7.5% shall remain imposed on rentals and other fees derived by non-resident lessors of machineries and other equipment.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect two (2) days following the completion of its publication in a national newspapers of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of November, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1990). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 438
IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL DUTY OF FIVE PERCENT (5%) AD VALOREM ON ALL IMPORTED ARTICLES SUBJECT TO CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS AND CONDITIONS

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 401 of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Imposition of Additional Duty*. Except as herein specifically provided, there shall be levied, collected and paid, in addition to any other duties, taxes and charges imposed by law on all articles imported into the Philippines, an additional duty of five percent (5%) ad valorem.

SEC. 2. *Importations Exempt Under Existing Laws*. The additional duty of five percent (5%) ad valorem shall also be levied, collected and paid on imported articles which are exempt under existing laws, except as provided in Section 3 hereof. In case of importation of articles which are exempt in part, the five percent (5%) additional duty shall be added to the non-exempt portion.

SEC. 3. *Exempt Importations*. The imported articles exempt from the additional duty of five percent (5%) ad valorem imposed in this Executive Order are as follows:

a. Those conferred by effective international agreements to which the Government of the Republic of the Philippines is a signatory;
b. Those of the diplomatic corps or for the official use of foreign embassies under the provisions of paragraph (k), Section 105 of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended;
c. Those of bonded manufacturing warehouses under the provisions of Section 2002, Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended;
d. Those of bonded smelting warehouses under the provisions of Section 2005, Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended;
e. Those of enterprises or firms registered with the Export Processing Zone Authority pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 66, as amended;
f. Those of enterprises or firms registered with the Philippine Veterans Investment and Development Corporation (PHIVIDEC) Authority pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 538, as amended;
g. Those released under bond under Section 105 of the Tariff and Customs Code, as amended; and,
h. Those covered by Republic Act No. 6647, entitled: "An Act Further Restructuring The Import Duty Rates And Classification Of Certain Articles Under Section 104 Of The Tariff And Customs Code Of 1978 (PD 1464), As Amended".

SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause*. All executive orders, rules or regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity*. This Executive Order shall take effect after ten (10) days following the completion of its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation, and shall remain effective until June 30, 1992, or unless sooner revoked or modified.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 27th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1990). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 439
MODIFYING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 429, SERIES OF 1990, ENTITLED "PROVIDING FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONS IN MINDANAO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Executive Order No. 429 dated 12 October 1990 is hereby amended to read as follows:

> "SEC. 2. REGION X, to be known as NORTHERN MINDANAO, shall include the following provinces and cities:
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> Provinces
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> | | |
> |---|---|
> | Agusan del Norte | Camiguin |
> | Agusan del Sur | Bukidnon |
> | Misamis Oriental | Surigao del Norte |
>
> Cities
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> Cagayan de Oro
> Gingoog
> Butuan
> Surigao

The City of Cagayan de Oro shall serve as the regional center."

SEC. 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 7th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1990). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 440
INCREASING THE PRICE CEILINGS FOR SUGAR
IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 2(3) of Executive Order No. 423, Series of 1990, is hereby amended to read as follows:

> "SEC. 2. The prime commodities and their respective price ceilings are hereby set as follows:

COMMODITY	PRICE CEILING
x x x	
3. SUGAR	
REFINED (Inclusive of 10% VAT)	P16.60/KILO
BROWN (VAT exempt)	12.00/KILO
x x x	

SEC. 2. The price ceilings of other commodities provided in Executive Order No. 423, Series of 1990, as well as the price ceilings provided above shall remain in full force and effect until revoked.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon publication in a national newspaper of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 19th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1990). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 441
INCREASING MEDICARE BENEFITS UNDER THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL CARE PLAN

WHEREAS, in the light of present economic conditions with increase in prices of practically all commodities, including the cost of medicines and hospitalization, it is deemed necessary and timely to further increase and enhance the medicare benefits granted to SSS and GSIS members, to make them more meaningful and responsive to the times;

WHEREAS, under the present policy of the SSS, only active members and retiree–pensioners and their dependents enjoy medicare benefits;

WHEREAS, SSS death and total disability pensioners and their dependents must likewise be assisted in the medical care expenses similar to the old age pensioners and their dependents;

WHEREAS, under the policy of the GSIS adopted since 1974, retiree–pensioners are granted free medicare benefits;

WHEREAS, the government desires to increase medicare benefits to a meaningful level;

WHEREAS, actuarial studies show that the Health Insurance Fund administered by the SSS for medicare beneficiaries in the private sectors and by the GSIS for medicare beneficiaries in the government sector can further finance an 80% across–the–board increase in the hospital room and board rates, and 87% increase in drugs and medicines, and a 25% increase in all other Medicare benefits which will result to a 58% overall increase and the inclusion under the medical care program of SSS death and disability pensioners and their dependents, and dependents of GSIS pensioners without the need for increase in contributions;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Medical Care Commission has recommended further enhancement of the benefits under Medicare program;

NOW THEREFORE, I CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1.The Medicare benefits for both GSIS and SSS Medicare beneficiaries are increased as follows:

	BENEFIT LIMIT (BY HOSPITAL CATEGORY)		
ITEMS OF HOSPITALIZATION	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	TERTIARY
A. HOSPITAL CHARGES			
1. ROOM AND BOARD NOT EXCEEDING 45 DAYS PER YEAR FOR EACH MEMBER OF PROGRAM 1 AND ANOTHER 45 DAYS PER YEAR TO BE SHARED BY ALL HIS DEPENDENTS	P 45/DAY	P 80/DAY	P 100/DAY
2. MEDICAL EXPENSES BENEFIT (PER SINGLE) PERIOD OF CONFINEMENT			
2.1 ORDINARY CASES	P 600	P 910	P 1145
DRUGS & MEDICINES	495	660	705

X–RAY/LAB/OTHER	105	250	440
2.2 INTENSIVE CASES	P 1162.50	P 1700	P 2900
DRUGS & MEDICINES	937.50	1125	2025
X–RAY/LAB/OTHER	225	575	875
2.3 CATASTROPHIC CASES	–	3660	5565
DRUGS & MEDICINES	–	2535	2895
X–RAY/LAB/OTHER	–	1125	2670
3. OPERATING ROOM FEE BASED ON COMMISSION'S RELATIVE UNIT VALUE (RUV) SCHEME			
3.1 RUV 5 & BELOW	115	205	325
3.2 RUV 5.1 TO 10	–	350	415
3.3 RUV 10.1 & ABOVE	–	800	1075

B. PROFESSIONAL FEES

1. MEDICAL/DENTAL PRACTITIONER'S FEE PER DAY OF P45 FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONER'S AND P65 FOR SPECIALISTS NOT TO EXCEED PER SINGLE PERIOD OF CONFINEMENT, P250 FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONER AND P375 FOR SPECIALIST IN ORDINARY CASES; AND P375 FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONER AND P625 FOR SPECIALIST IN INTENSIVE CARE/CATASTROPHIC CASES.
2. SURGEON'S FEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELATIVE UNIT VALUE SCHEME PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSION NOT TO EXCEED P5900.
3. ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S FEE (30% OF ALLOWED SURGEON'S FEE) NOT TO EXCEED P1770.
4. FEES FOR SURGICAL FAMILY PLANNING PROCEDURES AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION.

SEC. 2. Death and total disability pensioners of SSS, as well as their dependents shall be entitled to Medical Care benefits without need for any additional contribution.

SEC. 3. Dependents of GSIS retiree–pensioners shall also be covered with Medicare benefits.

SEC. 4. All orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Executive Order shall take effect on the Ist day of January, 1991.

Done in the City of Manila this 21st of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1990). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 442
CREATING THE PRESIDENTIAL COMPLAINTS AND ACTION OFFICE IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, more than a social responsibility of the government, public service is a moral commitment to the people that must be relentlessly pursued;

WHEREAS, it has become a moral as well as social imperative to take immediate measures to insure that the public is served effectively, efficiently and expeditiously;

WHEREAS, the Office of the President can best serve as the command center for the measures that will address requests for assistance as well as complaints and grievances by the general public;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. A Presidential Complaints and Action Office in the Office of the President, hereinafter referred to as the Action Office, is hereby created.

SEC. 2. The Action Office shall perform the following powers and functions:

1. Provide callers, visitors, and other persons who come to the Office of the President to transact business with the necessary information on the status of their papers or requests and the division or unit responsible therefor;
2. Attend to and interview such callers and visitors in order to expedite action on their papers or requests;
3. Direct and guide, if necessary, callers and visitors to the particular official or employee acting on their papers;
4. Serve as the liaison unit of the Office of the President with various agencies and departments of the government on all requests for assistance as well as complaints and grievances by the general public;
5. Initiate fact-finding efforts in all activities involving or affecting immoral practices, graft and corruption, smuggling, lawlessness, subversion, and all other activities which are prejudicial to the government and the public interest, and to submit proper recommendation to the President of the Philippines or the Executive Secretary;
6. Entertain complaints of graft and corruption and violation of Republic Acts No. 1379 and 3019, as amended, and commence fact-finding investigation thereon prior to referral to the appropriate bodies for possible prosecution;
7. To receive and evaluate, and to conduct fact-finding investigations of, sworn complaints against the acts, conduct or behavior of any public official or employee and to file and/or forward the proper administrative and/or criminal charges with the appropriate agency;
8. To coordinate with other offices in order to carry out its objectives and functions, and institute a follow-up and feedback mechanism to ensure that the referrals of the Action Office are given attention and expeditiously acted upon;

9. To coordinate the organization of public assistance units in the various government offices, patterned after the operational structure of the Action Office, which shall serve as linkages of a net work to be established by the said Office;
10. To conduct seminars for designated action officers of the various departments/offices/agencies of the government on matters related to current policies and procedures in rendering assistance to the public and for improving systems and procedures to hasten the delivery of the required services to the people;
11. To make available to the public counselling services pertaining to their request or complaints; and,
12. To perform other functions and responsibilities as the President or Executive Secretary may direct.

SEC. 3. The Action Office shall adopt a policy of arbitration, conciliation and mediation leading to amicable settlements of adversarial complaints, among private persons.

SEC. 4. To accomplish the objectives of the Action Office under Section 2 hereof, such Presidential Action Teams as may be necessary to address specific key areas of government shall be organized to insure effective and speedy action and/or service to the public. The Malacañang Public Assistance Center is hereby renamed Public Assistance Office and placed under the direct control and supervision of the Action Office.

SEC. 5. All heads of Departments/Offices/Agencies of the Executive Department shall organize public assistance and action units in their respective offices and designate an Action Officer who shall perform liaison work between his/her office and the Action Office. The names of those designated or assigned to the assistance units or action committees shall be submitted to the Office of the Executive Secretary within fifteen (15) days after the approval of this Executive Order.

SEC. 6. The present personnel, supplies, equipment appropriation, and other resources of the Malacañang Public Assistance Center are hereby transferred to the Action Office. Funds necessary for additional personnel, supplies and equipment shall be charged against existing appropriations of the Office of the President.

SEC. 7. The Executive Secretary shall exercise supervision and control over the Action Office and its teams.

SEC. 8. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 3rd day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1991). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 443
IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL DUTY OF NINE PERCENT (9%) AD VALOREM ON ALL IMPORTED ARTICLES SUBJECT TO CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS AND CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, the prevailing situation has made it imperative to provide urgent measures to finance our oil importations and the budgetary requirements of our economic development efforts;

WHEREAS, among the necessary measures to attain these objectives is to impose an additional nine percent (9%) import duty on all imports;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Imposition of Additional Duty*. Except as herein specifically provided, there shall be levied, collected and paid, in addition to any other duties, taxes and charges imposed by law on all articles imported into the Philippines, an additional duty of nine percent (9%) ad valorem.

SEC. 2. *Importations Exempt Under Existing Laws*. The additional duty of nine percent (9%) ad valorem shall also be levied, collected and paid on imported articles which are exempt under existing laws, except as provided in Section 3 hereof. In case of importation of articles which are exempt in part, the nine percent (9%) additional duty shall be added to the non-exempt portion.

SEC. 3. *Exempt Importations*. The imported articles exempt from the additional duty of nine percent (9%) ad valorem imposed in this Executive Order are as follows:

a. Those conferred by effective international agreements to which the Government of the Republic of the Philippines is a signatory;
b. Those of the diplomatic corps for the official use of foreign embassies under the provisions of paragraph (k), Section 105 of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended;
c. Those of bonded manufacturing warehouses under the provisions of Section 2002, Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended;
d. Those of bonded smelting warehouses under the provisions of Section 2005, Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended;
e. Those of enterprises or firms registered with the Export Processing Zone Authority pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 66, as amended;
f. Those enterprises or firms registered with the Philippine Veterans Investments and Development Corporation (PHIVIDEC) Authority pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 538, as amended;
g. Those released under bond under Section 105 of the Tariff and Customs Code, as amended.

SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause*. Executive Order No. 438, dated November 27, 1990, is hereby repealed. All other executive orders, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity*. This Executive Order shall take effect after ten (10) days following the completion of its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation, and shall remain effective until June 30, 1992, or unless sooner revoked or modified.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 3rd day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1991). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 444

DESIGNATING THE CHAIRMEN OF THE PEACE AND ORDER COUNCILS OF PROVINCES, CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES AND THE REGIONAL GOVERNOR OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO AS CHIEF ACTION OFFICERS FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONTINGENCY MEASURES FOR THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS.

WHEREAS, it is imperative to mobilize the resources of all Government agencies and instrumentalities for the purpose of responding to the contingencies brought about by the Middle East conflict;

WHEREAS, Provincial Governors and City/Municipal Mayors are the primary links of the National Government with the people at the grassroots level;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. All Provincial Governors and City/Municipal Mayors, in their capacities as Chairman of the Peace and Order Councils of Provinces, Cities and Municipalities, and the Regional Governor of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) are hereby designated as Chief Action Officers for the effective implementation of the contingency measures for the Middle East crisis.

For this purpose, these officials are hereby authorized and empowered to perform and exercise the following functions and responsibilities during the period of emergency as may be declared by the President:

1. To implement the allocation and rationing of fuel supplies in their respective territorial jurisdiction pursuant to the guidelines of the Energy Operations Board;
2. To secure, in coordination with concerned agencies, warehouses and depots containing fuel and food supplies as well as transport facilities needed for conveying such supplies;
3. To apprehend, investigate and prosecute, in coordination with the appropriate agencies, hoarders, profiteers, price manipulators and other violators of existing laws pertaining to the supply, trading and distribution of fuel and food supplies;
4. To assist in the implementation of the price control rules and regulations and in the enforcement of administrative penalties upon violators thereof;
5. To organize joint Government–Civilian task forces that will assist in implementing the various contingency measures; and
6. To perform such other functions and responsibilities as may be necessary to carry out this Executive Order and directed by the President.

SEC. 2. All government agencies, particularly the Department of Interior and Local Government, including the Philippine National Police, Department of Trade and Industry, Department of National Defense, including the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Department of Agriculture, Department of Justice, including the National Bureau of Investigation, and Energy Operations Board are hereby directed to provide full support and cooperation to the Provincial Governor, City/Municipal Mayors

and the Regional Governor of the ARMM in the performance of their functions pursuant to this Executive Order.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 9th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

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(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Museum and Library**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1991). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Museum and Library.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 445
INCREASING THE PRICE CEILINGS FOR CERTAIN PRIME AND ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 423, AS AMENDED, SERIES OF 1990

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 2(2), (3), (4), (6) and (7) of Executive Order No. 423, Series of 1990, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. The prime commodities and their respective price ceilings are hereby set as follows:

	COMMODITY	**PRICE CEILING**
	x x x	
2.	MILK	
	Sweetened Filled (300 ml)	P16.35/can
	Evap Filled (370 ml)	13.30/can
	Powdered Filled (180 g)	P17.60
	Powdered Filled (200 g)	19.60
3.	SUGAR	
	Refined (Inclusive of 10% VAT)	P17.70/kg
	Brown (VAT exempt)	13.10/kg
4.	PORK LIEMPO WITH SKIN	P62.00/kg
	x x x	
6.	CHICKEN (Fully Dressed)	P59.00/kg
7.	COOKING OIL	
	(Single Refined, contents only)	
	Lapad (354 g)	P 5.20
	Long Neck (708 g)	10.40

x x x"

SEC. 2. The price ceilings of other commodities provided in Executive Order No. 423 and 440, Series of 1990, as well as the price ceilings provided above shall remain in full force and effect until revoked.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon publication in a national newspaper of general circulation and shall remain in effect until revoked.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 10th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1991). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 446
REORGANIZING THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT INCLUDING ITS IMMEDIATE OFFICES, THE PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANTS/ADVISERS SYSTEM, AND THE COMMON STAFF SUPPORT SYSTEM

WHEREAS, in these difficult times, the Filipino people expect bold, decisive reforms designed to trim the bureaucracy and streamline government operations;

WHEREAS, the Government should initially and decisively demonstrate its political will to reduce the size of the bureaucracy and streamline systems and procedures by reorganizing the Office of the President, including the immediate Offices, the Presidential Assistants/Advisers System, and the Common Staff Support System;

WHEREAS, the President is empowered under Section 31 of Executive Order No. 292, the Administrative Code of 1987, to reorganize the Office of the President and implement the desired organizational, functional, and administrative changes in response to the clamor of the Filipino people for drastic reforms;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Presidential Coordinating Assistance System and the Cabinet Assistance System are hereby abolished.

The remaining functions and continuing activities of the abolished systems, if any, shall be absorbed by the Office of the Executive Secretary.

SEC. 2. There shall be a policy and public affairs group headed by a Deputy Executive Secretary, under the Office of the Executive Secretary. This group shall be composed of the Presidential Management Staff, which shall absorb the Cabinet Secretariat, the Presidential Complaints and Action Office, and the Sectoral Liaison Offices. The group shall be responsible for providing common staff support to the President, the Executive Secretary and the Presidential Assistants/Advisers System in such areas as management of the development process, administrative reforms, sectoral liaison, public assistance, strategic research and public policy formulation.

SEC. 3. The Cabinet shall be composed of the heads of Executive Departments as provided under Section 16, Article VII of the 1987 Constitution.

Presidential Advisers and Assistants previously appointed with the rank and emolument of a Department Secretary shall coordinate with the Office of the Executive Secretary in providing staff support to the President. For this purpose, the Executive Secretary shall schedule regular meetings of the Presidential Advisers and Assistants with the President. They may also attend Cabinet meetings at the pleasure of the President.

SEC. 4. The Executive Secretary shall implement this Executive Order. For this purpose, the Executive Secretary is hereby authorized to oversee the abolition, consolidation, and merger of the affected offices and to effect the transfer of the functions as well as the agencies from one office to another in the Office of the President.

The Office of the Executive Secretary shall continue to exercise supervision and control over all the various offices presently under the Office of the President, including the immediate offices and the Common Staff Support System.

SEC. 5. Consistent with the principle on non-reduction of compensation, the salary and status of the incumbent permanent officials and employees who are transferred or absorbed in the new offices or retained in the existing agencies shall, to the extent allowed by law, be maintained. The rules on compensation prescribed by P. D. No. 985 and R.A. No. 6758 shall govern.

SEC. 6. All officials and employees whose services are terminated by reason of this Executive Order shall, if eligible thereto, be paid the retirement benefits authorized under the general retirement laws. Those who are not entitled to said benefits shall be paid a separation gratuity in the amount equivalent to one (1) month salary for every year of service. Such separation pay and retirement benefits shall have priority of payment out of savings of the Office of the President.

SEC. 7. All provisions of Presidential proclamations, orders, instructions, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are in conflict with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby modified or revoked accordingly.

SEC. 8. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 16th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1991). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 447
RENAMING THE PRESIDENTIAL COMPLAINTS AND ACTION OFFICE
AS PRESIDENTIAL ACTION CENTER

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Presidential Complaints and Action Office is hereby renamed as Presidential Action Center, hereinafter referred to as the Action Center.

SEC. 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 5th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1991). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 448
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 407, SERIES OF 1990, ENTITLED "ACCELERATING THE ACQUISITION AND DISTRIBUTION OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS, PASTURE LANDS, FISHPONDS, AGRO-FORESTRY LANDS AND OTHER LANDS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN SUITABLE FOR AGRICULTURE"

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 407, series of 1990, directs, among others, all government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned or controlled corporations to transfer ownership of all lands suitable for agriculture to the Department of Agrarian Reform for distribution under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program;

WHEREAS, to further accelerate the acquisition and distribution of all lands of the public domain suitable for agriculture, it is necessary to include within the coverage of Executive Order No. 407, Series of 1990, all government reservations or portions thereof which are suitable for agriculture and no longer needed for the purposes for which the reservations are established;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Executive Order No. 407 is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

> "Sec. 1-A. All lands or portions thereof reserved by virtue of Presidential proclamations for specific public uses by the government, its agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned or controlled corporations suitable for agriculture and no longer actually, directly and exclusively used or necessary for the purposes for which they have been reserved, as determined by the Department of Agrarian Reform in coordination with the government agency or instrumentality concerned in whose favor the reservation was established, shall be segregated from the reservation and transferred to the Department of Agrarian Reform for distribution to qualified beneficiaries under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program."

SEC. 2. All proclamations establishing such reservations and falling within the coverage of this Executive Order are hereby revoked, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 14th day of February, 1991 in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 449
LIFTING THE PRICE CEILINGS OF CERTAIN PRIME AND ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES IN AREAS AFFECTED BY THE JULY 16, 1990 EARTHQUAKE AND TYPHOON RUPING IMPOSED PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDERS NOS. 414 AND 436, SERIES OF 1990

WHEREAS, the marketing and distribution of certain prime and essential commodities in the areas affected by the July 16, 1990 earthquake and Typhoon "Ruping" have already normalized due to the completed repair of roads and bridges which were damaged by said calamities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Executive Order No. 414 dated July 19, 1990 and Executive Order No. 436 dated November 22, 1990 are hereby revoked. Accordingly, the price ceilings of certain prime and essential commodities imposed pursuant to the said Executive Orders are hereby lifted.

SEC. 2. All cases and apprehensions which arose from the implementation of Executive Orders Nos. 414 and 436 shall continue to be litigated.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon publication in a national newspaper of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 4th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1991). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 450
LIFTING THE BAN ON NEW APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES TO OPERATE PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES ENGAGED IN RECRUITMENT AND PLACEMENT OF FILIPINO WORKERS FOR OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT

WHEREAS, Article 25 of the Labor Code of the Philippines, as amended, allowed the continued participation of the private employment sector in the recruitment and placement of workers locally and overseas, under such guidelines as may be issued by the Secretary of Labor and Employment;

WHEREAS, Letter of Instruction No. 1190, issued on January 20, 1982, banned the issuance of licenses to operate private employment agencies engaged in the recruitment and placement of Filipino workers for overseas employment to stop the proliferation of recruitment agencies and prevent cut-throat competition, and to protect workers from prohibited and exploitative practices at the hands of recruiters;

WHEREAS, LOI 1190 was issued in 1982 in view of the absence of an effective administrative machinery which would address the upsurge, and supervise the operations of, licensed placement agencies;

WHEREAS, this incapacity has been properly addressed by the integration of all offices involved in the overseas employment program through the creation of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA);

WHEREAS, recent developments affecting the overseas employment program of the government, particularly the opening of new markets with increasing demand for Filipino manpower at competitive employment terms and conditions, has necessitated a review and re-evaluation of licensing policies;

WHEREAS, the potentials of these new markets and the encouraging growth of deployment over the years ought to be taken advantage of by the government;

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to develop and maintain a roster of responsible and reputable licensed agencies engaged in recruitment for overseas employment, the operations of which shall be under the strict supervision and regulation by the Department of Labor and Employment;

WHEREAS, lifting the ban on the issuance of licenses will open the opportunity for the entry of innovative and dynamic participants who can revitalize existing markets and respond to the challenges of emerging ones;

WHEREAS, the much needed foreign exchange will be aggressively channelled through the efforts of licensed agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby direct the immediate lifting of the ban on new applications for licenses to operate private recruitment agencies subject to such guidelines, rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the Secretary of Labor and Employment.

Done in the City of Manila, this 19th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 451
LIFTING THE PRICE CEILINGS FOR CERTAIN PRIME AND ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 423, SERIES OF 1990, AS AMENDED

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The price ceilings for certain prime commodities such as rice, sugar, chicken, cooking oil and hard flour as provided under Executive Order No. 423, series of 1990, as amended, are hereby lifted.

SEC. 2. The price ceilings of other prime commodities in Executive Order Nos. 423 and 440, series of 1990 and Executive Order No. 445, series of 1991, shall remain in full force and effect unless otherwise revoked.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon publication in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Done in the City of Manila, this 1st day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 452
RECONSTITUTING THE NATIONAL ACTION COMMITTEE ON ANTI-HIJACKING

WHEREAS, under Executive Order No. 393, s. 1990, the Secretary of National Defense is designated as Chairman of the National Action Committee on Anti-Hijacking (NACAH);

WHEREAS, Section 87 of Republic Act No. 6975 mandates that the Department of the Interior and Local Government "shall absorb the National Action Committee on Anti-Hijacking under the Department of National Defense, and the transfer of assets, personnel and accountabilities of this Office to the Department shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter";

WHEREAS, it becomes necessary to now effect a change in the Chairmanship of NACAH, i.e., to designate the Secretary of Interior and Local Government as the new NACAH Chairman and the Secretary of National Defense as Vice-Chairman of said Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Section 1 of Executive Order No. 393, s. 1990, is hereby amended to read as follows:

> SECTION 1. The National Action Committee on Anti-Hijacking constituted under Letter of Instruction No. 399, dated April 28, 1976 shall be composed of the following:
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> | Secretary of the Interior and Local Government | – | Chairman |
> | Secretary of National Defense | – | Vice Chairman |
> | Secretary of Foreign Affairs | – | Member |
> | Secretary of Finance | – | Member |
> | Secretary of Justice | – | Member |
> | Secretary of Transportation and Communication | – | Member |
> | Press Secretary | – | Member |
> | National Security Director | – | Member |
> | Director-General, National Intelligence Coordinating Agency | – | Member |

Sec. 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 5th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 453
PRESCRIBING A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION THAT CAN BE RECEIVED BY GOVERNMENT-NOMINATED DIRECTORS TO CORPORATIONS

WHEREAS, government-nominated directors of the boards of corporations, whether government-owned/controlled or private, are being allowed to receive, aside from their regular compensation as director of the corporation concerned, additional compensation as members of the boards or other officers of its subsidiary corporations;

WHEREAS, the common reasons cited for allowing government-nominated directors to receive high levels of compensation are: the requirement to limit the amount of directors' compensation pertains only to Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG) - nominated directors; Cabinet Resolution No. 23, S. of 1988, which limits the compensation of appointive officials holding other positions does not cover bonuses; and it is up to the Director to waive or pass on to the government the excess amount of his compensation;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to rationalize, and provide clear guidelines for, the allowable levels of compensation that can be received by all government-nominated directors of corporations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Henceforth, a government-nominated director of a corporation, whether government-owned/controlled or sequestered, may only receive compensation from such corporation. In no case shall such director be allowed to receive additional compensation as member of the board or as officer of subsidiaries of such corporation. Further, the total compensation that a government-nominated director of any corporation may receive as such, including bonuses and representation/transportation allowances, shall not exceed P_____ per annum.

SEC. 2. All officers and directors affected by this Executive Order are required to submit to the Office of the President their compliance therewith.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 19th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 454
EXTENDING THE PERIOD FOR THE GENERAL REGISTRATION OF FIREARMS

WHEREAS, National Emergency Memorandum Order (NEMO) No. 6, dated January 4, 1990, nullified the existing master list of licensed and registered firearms;

WHEREAS, under the said issuance, a new general registration of firearms had been conducted through the Firearms and Explosives Unit (FEU) of the Philippine National Police for the period expiring on February 15, 1991;

WHEREAS, of the 439,501 firearms to be registered by the FEU, only 169,057 firearms or about thirty-eight (38%) percent thereof had been accounted for as follows:

Firearms Re-Registered	166,125
Firearms Deposited with PNP	529
Firearms Reported Lost	2,402
Firearms Donated to the Gov't	1
	169,057

WHEREAS, one of the reasons for the failure to register the remaining 62% of firearms was the fact that the FEU was understaffed;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the remaining 62% of firearms should be registered since the old master list of licensed and registered firearms has been nullified;

WHEREAS, in order to give another chance for such firearm holders to register their firearms, who were prevented from so doing due to time constraints and other valid causes, and to enable such loose firearms holders to have their firearms licensed in the interests of national order and security, there is need to extend the period for a new general registration of firearms;

WHEREAS, both the Director-General of the Philippine National Police and the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government have recommended a six (6) month extension period for registration of firearms effective upon approval by the President;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby extend the period for a new general registration of firearms for six (6) months, from the date of this Executive Order.

Done at the City of Manila, this 22nd day of April, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 455
FURTHER AMENDING SECTION 3(A), OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 308, AS AMENDED, SERIES OF 1987

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 3(a) of Executive Order No. 308, as amended, series of 1987, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

> "a. Composition. The RDA shall be composed of (i) all Provincial Governors and City Mayors in the region; (ii) all Congressmen and Senators from the region without prejudice however to their participation in RDAs other than those of their respective Regions; (iii) the Chairman of the Regional Development Council (RDC) of the region; and (iv) two RDC member-representatives of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to be nominated by the RDC. The RDA shall be headed by a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman to be elected by and from among the members. The RDC Secretariat shall also serve the RDA Secretariat."

SEC. 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 26th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 456
REVOKING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 423, SERIES OF 1990, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, price ceilings on certain prime and essential commodities, such as rice, milk, sugar, pork liempo, hard flour, chicken and cooking oil, was set under Executive Order No. 423, series of 1990, as amended, in order to prevent unreasonable increases on the prices thereof and to protect the consumers from unscrupulous trade practices;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 451, series of 1991, lifted the price ceilings for rice, sugar, chicken, cooking oil and hard flour;

WHEREAS, as the supply and the prices of the other prime and essential commodities have normalized and stabilized, the continuous imposition of price controls is no longer necessary;

NOW, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Executive Order No. 423, series of 1991, as amended, is hereby revoked.

Sec. 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon publication in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Done in the City of Manila, this 30th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 457
FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL TRIPARTITE WAGES AND PRODUCTIVITY BOARDS

WHEREAS, Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Boards (Regional Boards) have been created in all the country's regions by virtue of Republic Act No. 6727, otherwise known as the Wage Rationalization Act;

WHEREAS, the Regional Boards are charged with the determination and fixing of minimum wage rates applicable in their respective regions, provinces, and industries therein, a function which is a vital and integral component of the national wage and income policy;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 121 of the Labor Code, as amended by Republic Act No. 6727, the members of the National Wages and Productivity Commission (Commission) representing Labor and Management are entitled to the same rank, emoluments, allowances and other benefits as those prescribed by law for labor and management representatives in the Employees Compensation Commission (ECC); however, the law is silent on the emoluments or compensation of members of the Regional Boards;

WHEREAS, it is not in the spirit of the law that the services rendered by the members of the Regional Boards should be uncompensated; certainly, there is no perceivable legislative intention to exclude the members of the Regional Boards from entitlement to the same compensation as members of the Commission proper;

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 6758, otherwise known as the "Compensation and Position Classification Act of 1989," the Department of Budget and Management is empowered and mandated "to establish and administer a unified Compensation and Position Classification System," and said Act declares it the policy of the State (Sec. 2) "to provide equal pay for substantially equal work";

WHEREAS, both the Secretary of Labor and Employment and the Secretary of Budget and Management have recommended to the President the payment of compensation to the members of the Regional Boards, "considering the equal degree of responsibility, sensitivity and the critical nature of their tasks" and "considering the crucial role of the Regional Boards in the determination and fixing of minimum wage rates applicable in their respective regions";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The members of the Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Boards shall be entitled to the same emoluments, allowances and other benefits as those prescribed by law for representatives in the National Wages and Productivity Commission.

SEC. 2. The funds necessary to implement the provisions of this Executive Order shall be taken from the regular budgetary appropriations of the respective Regional Boards.

SEC. 3. It is understood that the provisions of this Executive Order are subject to the recent Supreme Court ruling on multiple positions insofar as the government officials sitting in the Regional Boards are concerned.

SEC. 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 7th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 458
DEVOLVING THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS OVER INVESTMENTS WITHIN THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO TO THE AUTONOMOUS REGIONAL GOVERNMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Section 27, Article XIII of Republic Act No. 6734, otherwise known as the Organic Act of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) provides that the Autonomous Regional Government (ARG) shall regulate and exercise authority over foreign investments within its jurisdiction in accordance with its goals and priorities subject, however, to the Constitution and national policies;

WHEREAS, the Oversight Committee created under the said Organic Act has recommended that the Board of Investments devolve its powers and functions over investments within the ARMM to the Autonomous Regional Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Transfer of Powers and Functions. The following powers and functions of the Board of Investments (BOI) over investments within the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) are hereby devolved to the Autonomous Regional Government (ARG):

A. Approval/denial of applications for registration under the Omnibus Investments Code of 1987;
B. Supervision of enterprises duly registered with the ARG, and including those enterprises previously registered with the Board of Investments;
C. Cancellation of certificates of registration of enterprises registered with the ARG, and including those enterprises previously registered with the BOI;
D. Evaluation of incentives to be availed by enterprises registered with the ARG;
E. Take over the operations of the Regional Extension Offices of the BOI, pertaining to:

    1. Evaluation of applications for registration;
    2. Special tax credit on raw materials and supplies, net value arned and net local content and domestic capital equipment;
    3. Employment of foreign nationals;
    4. Income tax holiday;
    5. Reduced income tax; and
    6. Supervision of registered projects.

F. Assume promotion of investments within the ARMM consistent with the Investments Priorities Plan.
G. Grant additional incentives, aside from those incentives under BOOK I-Title III, Article 39 of Executive Order No. 226, series of 1987, to wit:

1. Income tax holiday;
2. Additional deduction for labor expense
3. Tax and duty exemptions on imported capital equipment;
4. Tax credits on domestic capital equipment;
5. Exemption from contractor's tax;
6. Simplification of Custom's procedures;
7. Unrestricted use of consigned equipment;
8. Employment of foreign nationals;
9. Exemption on breeding stocks and genetic materials;
10. Tax credits on domestic breeding stocks and genetic materials;
11. Tax credits for taxes and duties on raw materials;
12. Access to Bonded Manufacturing/Trading Warehouse System;
13. Exemption from taxes and duties on imported spare parts; and
14. Exemption from wharfage dues and export tax, duty, impost and fee.

SEC. 2. Investment Priorities Plan. The ARG shall be guided by the annual Investments Priorities Plan in the determination of incentives to be granted to investors.

SEC. 3. Regional Investment Priorities Plan. The ARG shall prepare a Regional Investment Priorities Plan consistent with Articles 27 to 31, Chapter II of the Omnibus Investment Code of 1987.

The preferred areas of investment to be listed in the Regional Investment Priorities Plan shall be based on long-run comparative advantage, taking into account the value of social objectives and employing economic criteria along with market, technical, and financial analysis. The Regional Investment Priorities Plan as formulated shall be integrated in the national Investment Priorities Plan upon the approval of the President.

SEC. 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. Pursuant to the powers and functions devolved to the ARG, it shall adopt the rules and procedures of the Board of Investments without prejudice to the promulgation of its own rules and regulations.

SEC. 5. Technical Assistance. The Board of Investments shall provide technical assistance to the ARG in setting up the Regional Board of Investments Office and in the training of personnel which shall be a prerequisite before all applications shall be forwarded to the ARG.

SEC. 6. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in one national newspaper of general circulation and one (1) local newspaper of general circulation in the ARMM.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 17th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 459
DEVOLVING TO THE AUTONOMOUS REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO CERTAIN POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS, THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OVER ITS OFFICES IN THE REGION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XV of Republic Act No. 6734 provides "That the Autonomous Region shall establish, maintain and support a complete and integrated system of quality education and adopt an educational framework that is meaningful, relevant and responsive to the needs, ideals and aspirations of the people in the Region";

WHEREAS, the Oversight Committee created under the said Act, recognizing the primacy of education as a necessary pillar for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), has recommended the evaluation of certain powers and that the offices of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports within the ARMM may be transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government to carry out this mandate;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Policy to be Adopted. The Autonomous Regional Government (ARG) shall be responsible for the regional educational framework within the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) and shall adopt the policy of the National Government as embodied in Chapter I, Title VI, of the Administrative Code of 1987.

SEC. 2. General Functions. The powers and functions with regard to the formulation, planning, implementation and coordination of policies, plans, programs and projects of various aspects of education are hereby transferred to the ARG, specifically in the following areas:

a. Elementary, secondary, physical and international education;
b. Non-formal and vocational or technical education;
c. Higher education;
d. Development of culture;
e. Foreign and locally-assisted projects and other activities relative to (a), (b), (c), and (d) above; and
f. Such other functions as may be provided by law.

SEC. 3. Transfer of Control and Supervision. The offices of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) within the ARMM including their functions, powers and responsibilities, personnel, equipment, properties, budgets and liabilities are hereby placed under the control and supervision of the ARG.

SEC. 4. Transfer of Functions and Powers of the DECS Regional Offices. The following functions and powers of DECS Regional offices are hereby transferred to the ARG:

A. General Functions and Powers
   a.1 Formulate the regional plan of education based on the national plans taking into account the specific needs and traditions of the region;
   a.2 Implement laws, rules and regulations, policies, programs and projects of the Regional Department;
   a.3 Provide economical, efficient, and effective education service to the people;
   a.4 Coordinate with regional offices of other departments, offices and agencies in the region;
   a.5 Coordinate with local government units; and
   a.6 Perform such other functions as may be provided for by law.

B. Specific Functions and Powers
   B.1 Administrative Management
      a. Act on all matters concerning appointment, promotion & transfer; hiring of casual employees, resignation, filling-up of positions & granting of leaves of absence and other personnel transactions;
      b. Legal and administrative investigation, recommendation, decision on cases, complaints, and other related matters;
      c. Act on requests to teach, engage in business, and exercise of professions;
      d. Act on request to render overtime services;
      e. Act on request for authority for domestic/outside travel;
      f. Conferring of incentives or recognition;
      g. Acceptance of donations such as titled real properties and personal properties;
      h. Act on requests for attendance of personnel to conferences, meetings, seminars and the like;
      i. Upkeep of records and records management;
      j. Supply management;
      k. Medical and Dental services; and
      l. Delivery of general administrative services.
   B.2 Educational Supervision and School Administration
      a. Conduct school visitations and teaching supervision;
      b. Conduct educational statistical researches, experiments, studies, planning and organizations; and
      c. Preparation of data and statistical reports.
   B.3 Financial Management
      a. Budget preparation and submission;
      b. Fiscal control, accounting and auditing of expenditures;
      c. Vouchers and claims processing for payment or disbursement of funds;
      d. Claims processing and payment of retirement pay, hazard pay, allowances, extra compensation, salary differentials and the like;
      e. Implementation of salary standardization/adjustment/merit increases;
      f. Recommend position classification/readjustment/conversion;
      g. Requisition and procurement of supplies, materials, equipment and others;
      h. Negotiation of contracts for services and goods;
      i. Signing and countersigning of checks; and
      j. Preparation and submission of financial reports.

B.4 Private School Regulations

a. Grant authority to establish/operate new schools;
b. Grant permits for operation of schools and summer classes;
c. Approval of classes and teacher programs;
d. Act/decide on problems and disputes arising from private school employment;
e. Approval of applications of private school teachers for teaching overload;
f. Approval of requests for temporary enrollment, late enrollment, subject load and overload of students;
g. Administer validation placement examinations;
h. Issue special orders for graduation of students;
i. Approval of applications for change of name of private schools;
j. Approval of application for change of text books and other materials;
k. Act on tuition fee increases;
l. Verification and authentication of student credentials/records;
m. Decide administrative complaints arising from school decisions, rules and regulations;
n. Grant/cancel/withdraw government recognition, or restore cancelled or revoked government recognition;
o. Decide on appeals regarding decisions on awards of graduation honors;
p. Decide administrative complaints of private school personnel;
q. Investigate and initiate action on cases involving illegal operation;
r. Approval of proposed modifications of schools curriculum; and
s. Authentication of school records.

SEC. 5. Administrative Responsibility. The ARG shall be responsible for all outstanding obligations, liabilities and commitments under existing and continuing contracts, memoranda of agreement, undertakings, and the like, in connection with the operation of school divisions located in the Autonomous Region: Provided, That the National Government shall continue such levels of expenditure as may be necessary to assure all obligations and liabilities transferred to the ARG.

SEC. 6. Board of Higher Education. The functions and powers of the Board of Higher Education shall be retained by the National DECS: Provided, That the Regional Director of the Regional DECS when established, shall sit as a member of the Board with the right to vote on matters pertaining to the four provinces within ARMM.

SEC. 7. DECS Bureaus. The functions and powers of the following DECS Bureaus as provided for under Chapter 6, Title VI, Book IV of the Administrative Code of 1987 are hereby transferred to the ARG.

a. Bureau of Elementary Education;
b. Bureau of Secondary Education;
c. Bureau of Technical and Vocational Education;
d. Bureau of Higher Education;
e. Bureau of Non-Formal Education; and
f. Bureau of Physical Education and School Sports.

SEC. 8. Locally-Funded Programs and Projects. All locally-funded projects of the DECS within the four provinces of the ARMM shall be transferred to the ARG.

SEC. 9. Foreign-funded Programs. The implementation of foreign-funded projects shall continue to be the responsibility of the DECS Central Office: Provided, That the project components situated in the provinces of the ARMM may be implemented by the ARG by way of a Memorandum of Agreement with the DECS.

SEC. 10. Regulations and Standards Governing the Educational System. (1) Rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to the Educational Act of 1982 (Batas Pambansa Blg. 232) shall be strictly adhered to and considered as minimum standards by the ARG.

(2) Formulation of regional standards should recognize national standards as minimum requirements. No regionally-defined standard should be below accepted national standards. All DECS circulars on standards will be given to the ARMM for information and consideration in drafting future regional standards. Similarly, the ARG shall furnish the DECS with all circulars issued prescribing regional educational standards.

SEC. 11. Assets, Equipment, Offices and Land. Assets and equipment including public elementary and secondary schools already existing, being utilized or programmed for use in the four (4) provinces covered by the ARMM shall be turned over the ARG: Provided, That the National Government shall continue such levels of expenditures as may be necessary to carry out the functions mandated under R.A. No. 6734.

Office buildings including the land where these edifices are built, within the provinces of ARMM shall immediately be transferred to the ARG in compliance with R.A. No. 6734.

SEC. 12. Personnel/Position. (1) By operation of law, all plantilla positions (filled and unfilled) of the DECS effectively assigned or within the provinces of ARMM, shall immediately be placed under the control and supervision of the ARG.

(2) All personnel of the National Government shall be absorbed by the ARG and shall retain their seniority rights, compensation and other benefits.

(3) Personnel who decline to transfer to the ARG for any reason whatsoever shall have the following options as outlined by the Civil Service Commission: (a) regular retirement; (b) absorption by their line department in another office or region subject to the availability of positions and at the discretion of management; (c) transfer to another department subject to the availability of positions; or (4) voluntary resignation.

(4) The position and classification plan of the ARG shall conform to national standards classification/categories set by Republic Act No. 6758, otherwise known as the Salary Standardization Law.

(5) From the date of transfer and for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months, the DECS Payroll Servicing Division shall continue to pay the salaries of public elementary school teachers and other DECS personnel within the ARMM covered by the centralized payroll servicing scheme. The Department of Budget and Management, the DECS and the ARG shall, within the said period, formulate the necessary mechanisms for the payroll system within the ARMM.

SEC. 13. Budget. All outstanding budget balances duly appropriated for the operations of DECS in the provinces within the ARMM for FY 1991 shall be turned over to the ARG as of the date of transfer. Budget balances shall include appropriations for personal services of public secondary school teachers and other personnel not covered by the DECS-IBM Payroll servicing schedule, maintenance and other operating expenses, and capital outlay.

SEC. 14. State Colleges and Universities. Pursuant to Article XV, Sections 5 and 6 of R.A. No. 6734, all state colleges and universities in the ARMM shall assist and support the full development of the people and shall serve as regional centers for tertiary and postgraduate education in their respective areas of competence: Provided, That they shall enjoy academic freedom and fiscal autonomy and shall

continue to be governed by their respective charters: Provided, further, That the DECS Regional Director shall be a member of the governing boards of state colleges and universities in the ARMM.

SEC. 15. Control and Supervision of DECS-Attached Agencies and Councils. Department-attached agencies and councils, including government corporations shall continue to be controlled and supervised by their respective line departments. The attached agencies shall extend maximum assistance to the ARG and Regional DECS in carrying out its programs and projects.

SEC. 16. Scholarship Program. Student scholarship programs shall be retained by the DECS.

SEC. 17. Free Public Secondary Education. In accordance with Republic Act No. 6655, the ARMM shal give free public secondary education to students enrolled in national high schools, general comprehensive high schools, state colleges and universities, specialized schools, trade, technical, vocational, fishery and agricultural schools, and in schools administered, maintained and funded by local government units, including city, provincial, municipal and barangay high schools, and those public schools established by law within the provinces of the ARMM.

SEC. 18. Instructional Materials. The Instructional Materials Council (IMC) shall continue to be primarily responsible for the formulation of policies and for the selection and adoption of textbooks, supplementary and reference books for use in public elementary and secondary schools as well as the approval of textbooks for private elementary and secondary schools in the ARMM: Provided, That the significance of the contribution of the different ethnic groups in the Philippines shall be emphasized.

The ARG may develop curricular materials with reference to regional history subject to the approval of the IMC.

SEC. 19. Effective Date of Transfer. The effective date of transfer on which budget and assets shall be computed and/or listed shall be 1 May 1991 to allow the schools and field offices to wind up matters related to Schoolyear 1990-1991 and for the regional DECS to prepare for Schoolyear 1991-1992.

SEC. 20. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Executive Order shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provision thereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 21. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation and one (1) local newspaper of general circulation in the ARMM.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 17th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 460
DEVOLVING TO THE AUTONOMOUS REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OVER ITS OFFICES IN THE REGION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Sections 15 to 19, Article XII of Republic Act No. 6734, otherwise known as the Organic Act for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) vest in the Autonomous Regional Government (ARG) responsibility over agriculture, fisheries and aquatic resources in the said region;

WHEREAS, the Oversight Committee created under the said Act recommends that the powers and functions as well as the control and supervision over the offices of the Department of Agriculture (DA) within the ARMM be placed under the Autonomous Regional Government (ARG);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Transfer of Powers and Functions. The following powers and functions of the Department of Agriculture (DA), including those enumerated under Section 5 of Executive Order No. 116, series of 1987, are hereby transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government (ARG):

a. Provide integrated services to farmers and fishermen and other food producers on production, utilization, conservation and disposition of agricultural and fishery resources;
b. Plan, formulate policies, implement and monitor programs and projects relating to agriculture/food production and supply;
c. Promulgate and enforce all laws, rules and regulations governing the conservation and proper utilization of agricultural and fishery resources;
d. Establish a central information system to serve the production, marketing and financing data requirements of the farmers as well as investors in agri-business ventures;
e. Provide comprehensive and effective extension services and training to farmers and other agricultural entrepreneurs on the production, marketing and financing aspects of agricultural enterprises;
f. Conduct, coordinate and disseminate research studies on appropriate technologies for the improvement and development of ARMM's agricultural crops, fisheries and other allied commodities, in coordination with the DA;
g. Provide the mechanism for the participation of farmers and fishermen and entrepreneurs at all levels of policy making and plan/program formulation;
h. Coordinate with and/or call upon other public and private agencies for cooperation and assistance on matters affecting ARG's plans, policies and programs;
i. Issue clearance for the importation and exportation of fishery and agricultural commodities in accordance with existing guidelines, laws, rules and regulations of concerned national

agencies. In this regard, the ARG shall take note of the list of exportable items and banned commodities, subject to future revision as deemed necessary; and

j. Approve charter contracts and issue special commercial fishing boat licenses (SCBLF) for chartered foreign fishing boats within the jurisdiction of the ARMM or up to and including all waters within twelve (12) nautical miles from the coastline. The ARG's approval of SCBLF shall be in accordance with the policies, rules and regulations and guidelines of national agencies concerned including the Philippine Coast Guard, Marine Industry Authority, Departments of Foreign Affairs, Agriculture and Labor.

The following functions of the Secretary of Agriculture, insofar as the ARMM is concerned, are hereby devolved to the ARG:

a. Promulgation of rules, regulations and other issuances relative to agriculture and fishery;
b. Establish policies and standards for the efficient and effective operations of the ARG in accordance with the programs of the ARMM;
c. Promulgate and enforce laws, rules, regulations, and other issuances necessary in carrying out the ARMM's mandate, objectives, policies, plans, programs and projects;
d. Exercise supervision and control over all functions and activities pertaining to agriculture, fisheries and aquatic resources;
e. Delegate authority for the performance of any administrative or substantive function to any officer of rank in the ARG; and
f. Perform such other functions as may be provided for by Regional law.

The ARG shall exercise within its territorial limits, the following powers and functions of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) as provided in Presidential Decree No. 704, as amended:

a. Determination and designation of fish landing points for all commercial fishing boats;
b. Jurisdiction over fish pens and seaweed culture in municipal centers;
c. Regulation and supervision of the production, capture and gathering of fish and fishery/ aquatic products; and
d. Designation of an area or areas in the ARMM as fishery reservations for the exclusive use of the ARG or of any of its political subdivisions, agencies or instrumentalities, or of the inhabitants therein, or for the culture of fish and other aquatic animals for educational, research and scientific purposes.

SEC. 2. Powers and Functions Retained. All powers and functions not specified herein including those with national implications shall be retained by the Department of Agriculture.

SEC. 3. Programs and Projects. All regular locally-funded projects and programs of the Department of Agriculture which are being implemented by the provincial offices within the ARMM shall be transferred to the ARG.

SEC. 4. Personnel. (1) All plantilla positions, filled or unfilled, assigned to the affected provincial agriculture offices shall be transferred to the ARG.

(2) All personnel holding these plantilla positions shall be absorbed by the ARG and shall retain their seniority rights, compensation and other benefits.

(3) Personnel who decline to transfer or be absorbed by the ARG shall have the following options as outlined by the Civil Service Commission:

a. Retirement, if eligible;
b. Remain with the DA in another region subject to availability of vacant positions;
c. Transfer to another government agency subject to availability of positions; or
d. Voluntary resignation.

SEC. 5. Assets and Equipments. All assets and equipments already existing and being utilized in the four provinces covered by the ARMM shall be turned-over to the ARG.

SEC. 6. Properties. All DA properties within the ARMM shall be transferred to the ARG.

SEC. 7. Budget. Balances of budgetary allocations for the four provinces in the ARMM for FY 1991 as of the date of transfer shall be turned over to the ARG. Budgetary allocations shall include appropriations for personal services, maintenance and other operating expenses, and capital outlay.

SEC. 8. Technical Assistance. The DA shall make available to the ARG the technical expertise of its six (6) bureaus, namely:

a. Bureau of Animal Industry;
b. Bureau of Plant Industry;
c. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources;
d. Bureau of Soils and Water Management;
e. Bureau of Agricultural Research; and
f. Bureau of Agricultural Statistics.

SEC. 9. Attached Agencies, Councils and Corporations. (1) The functions, together with the personnel, assets and equipments, the corresponding budgets, programs and projects being implemented in the ARMM by the Philippine Coconut Authority and Philippine Fisheries Development Authority shall be transferred to the ARG.

(2) Existing foreign-assisted projects of the above mentioned agencies shall remain under their direct supervision and shall be turned over only upon their completion.

(3) The DA Secretary shall instruct all other DA-attached agencies whose areas of expertise are relevant to the ARMM to assist the ARG in carrying out its agriculture and fisheries programs.

SEC. 10. Date of Transfer. The date of transfer shall be set thirty (30) days after the effectivity of this Executive Order.

SEC. 11. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Executive Order shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 12. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation and one (1) local newspaper of general circulation in the ARMM.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 17th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 461
DEVOLVING CERTAIN POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE HOUSING AND LAND USE REGULATORY BOARD AND THE NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY TO THE AUTONOMOUS REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Section 3, Article V of Republic Act No. 6734 provides that the Autonomous Regional Government in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao may exercise the power of eminent domain;

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XII of the same Act further provides that "The Regional Government shall promote and formulate comprehensive and integrated regional urban and rural development policies, plans, programs, and projects responsive to the needs, aspirations and values of the people within the Region";

WHEREAS, Section 4, Article XII of the same Act likewise provides that "Consistent with the Constitution and national policies, and subject to ecological considerations, the Autonomous Regional Government shall adopt and implement a comprehensive urban land reform and land use program, to ensure the just utilization of lands within its jurisdiction";

WHEREAS, the Oversight Committee created under the said Act has identified the functions and powers exercised by the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board and the National Housing Authority in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao that may be transferred immediately;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SCTION 1. The Autonomous Regional Government (ARG) shall assume the following functions of the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB) within the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM):

Ensure compliance with policies, plans, standards and guidelines on human settlements;
Promote, encourage, coordinate and assist private enterprises and government agencies and instrumentalities in planning, developing and coordinating human settlements plans and programs by furnishing legal, technical and professional assistance;

c. Develop and implement prototype projects supportive of its regulatory functions either by itself or as part of an inter-agency group or by contract with such appropriate public and private entities as it may deem proper;
Issuance of permits and licenses for projects within the ARMM except for national inter-regional plans;

e. Conduct public hearing relating to its functions;
Issue orders after conducting the appropriate investigation for the cessation or closure of any use of activity and to issue orders to vacate or demolish any building or structure that it determines to have violated or failed to comply with any laws, presidential decrees, letter of

instructions, executive orders and other issuances and directives, either on its own motion or upon complaint of any interested party;

Promulgate zoning standards and other land use control standards and guidelines for the region in accordance with national standards and policies, which shall govern land use plans and zoning ordinances of local governments; the zoning components of civil works and infrastructure projects of the national, regional and local governments; subdivision or estate development projects of both the public and private sectors; and urban renewal plans, programs and projects: Provided, That the zoning and other land use control standards to be promulgated hereunder shall respect the classification of public lands for forest purposes as certified by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources;

h. Issue rules and regulations, taking into account the peculiarities of the ARMM, to enforce the land use policies and human settlements: Provided, That the same do not contravene with national policies, rules and regulations already enforced at the national level;
i. Review, evaluate and approve or disapprove comprehensive land use development plans and zoning components of civil works and infrastructure projects of local governments (municipal and provincial), subdivisions, condominiums or estate development projects including industrial estates, of both the public and private sectors and urban renewal plans, programs and projects with the ARMM: Provided, That the general welfare is not contravened; and
j. Perform such other functions and activities which are necessary for the effective accomplishment of the above-mentioned functions.

The HLURB shall continue to exercise jurisdiction over disputes requiring quasi-judicial settlement or adjudication without prejudice to the passage of a regional law to this effect.

SEC. 2. The Autonomous Regional Government (ARG) shall assume the following powers and functions of the National Housing Authority (NHA) within the ARMM:

a. Develop and implement a comprehensive and integrated housing program;
b. Formulate and enforce general and specific policies for housing development and resettlement:
c. Prescribe guidelines and standards for the reservation, conservation and utilization of public lands identified for housing and resettlement;
d. Develop and undertake housing development and/or resettlement projects through joint ventures or other arrangements with public and private entities;
e. Prescribe and enforce guidelines, standards and rules in the manner provided for in such rules and regulations promulgated and adopted by the NHA designed to protect home and lot buyers through the regulation of the real estate trade and business;
f. Regulate the relationship between the owners and lessees of residential properties in conformity with such rules and regulations as may be promulgated;
g. Invest its funds in bonds and securities issued and guaranteed by the government or by the Central Bank;
h. Receive donations, grants and bequests and utilize the same for the attainment of its objectives. Such donations and grants shall be exempt from payment of transfer taxes and be fully deductible from the gross income of the donor for income tax purposes; and
i. Perform such other acts consistent with this Executive Order, as may be necessary to effect the policies and objectives declared.

Subject to national policies the following functions of the NHA are likewise transferred to the ARG:

a. Issue bonds or contract loans, credits or indebtedness, including supplier's credit or any deferred payment arrangements with any person or entity, domestic or foreign, for the implementation of its housing programs.
b. Discharge all responsibilities of the ARG as may arise from treaties, agreements, and other commitments on housing and resettlement to which it is a signatory, including the determination of forms and assistance for housing development or bilateral assistance programs.

SEC. 3. The HLURB and the NHA shall provide technical assistance to the ARG for the development of the ARG's organizational capability to undertake its own housing program.

SEC. 4. The Autonomous Regional Government, in the exercise of the powers devolved in this Executive Order, may formulate its own standards: Provided, That in the formulation of regional standards it shall adhere to the pertinent national laws and standards as a minimum requirement.

SEC. 5. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Executive Order shall be held unconstitutional or declared contrary to law, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. This Executive Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a national newspaper of general circulation and one (1) local newspaper of general circulation in the ARMM.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 17th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 462
DEVOLVING TO THE AUTONOMOUS REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE FOR SOUTHERN CULTURAL COMMUNITIES, THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OVER ITS OFFICES IN THE REGION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article XV of Republic Act No. 6734 provides that "The Regional Government shall recognize, respect, protect, preserve, revive, develop, promote and enhance the culture, customs, traditions, beliefs and practices of the people in the area of autonomy and shall encourage and undertake the recovery, collection, collation and restoration of historical and cultural properties for posterity";

WHEREAS, the Oversight Committee created under the said Act recommends that the Autonomous Regional Government must take charge of the promotion of its cultural heritage in keeping with the spirit of autonomy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Transfer of Powers and Functions of the Office for Southern Cultural Communities (OSCC). The following functions of the Office for Southern Cultural Communities (OSCC) under Executive Order No. 122-C, series of 1987, are hereby transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government (ARG):

a. Formulation, coordination, implementation, and monitoring of policies, plans, programs and projects affecting the southern cultural communities within the Autonomous Region for Muslim Mindanao (ARMM); serve as the link between the Regional Governor and agencies, public or private, internal or external, involved in such programs and projects; and recommend such affirmative actions as may be necessary for their efficient and effective implementation;
b. Undertake and coordinate development programs and projects for the advancement of southern cultural communities, including designing, implementing and maintaining settlements in the ARMM;
c. Provide mechanism through which the southern cultural communities within the ARMM can seek the ARG assistance and through which such assistance may be extended to them;
d. Serve as the custodian and administrator in charge of all existing OSCC settlements within the ARMM, subdivisions, allocations and distribution of public lands and those which shall hereinafter be reserved by the ARG for the southern cultural communities including ancestral lands as provided by law;
e. Enter, subject to existing laws, policies and guidelines, into such contracts, agreements, or arrangements, with government or private agencies or entities as may be necessary to attain the objectives of the ARMM, including obtaining loans from lending institutions;

f. Accept grants, donations, gifts, funds, and/or properties in whatever form and from whatever source, for the benefit of the southern cultural communities within the ARMM, and administer the same in accordance with the terms thereof, or in the absence of any condition, in such manner as may be consistent with the interest of southern cultural communities in ARMM as well as any existing laws;
g. Undertake studies, formulate policies and plans and implement programs and projects for the preservation and development of the historical and cultural heritage of southern cultural communities within the ARMM as well as establish and maintain ethnographic research centers and museums on the culture and institution of the southern cultural communities in the ARMM as may be necessary;
h. Coordinate the enforcement of policies and laws protecting the rights of the southern cultural communities to their ancestral lands, including the applications of customary laws governing property rights and relations, in determining the ownership and extent of ancestral lands, subject to procedures and standards established by the legislature or any other duly constituted authority and for this purpose, enlist the assistance of appropriate government agencies, including those concerned with law enforcement;
Acquire, lease or own such properties or assets in whatever form as may be necessary and sell or otherwise dispose of the same and serve as the custodian or administrator of such lands or areas and other properties or assets as the ARG may reserve for the benefit of the southern cultural communities in the ARMM;
j. Conduct inspections or surveys jointly with other appropriate agencies, and issue necessary certifications prior to the grant of any license, lease or permit for the exploitation of natural resources affecting the interests of the southern cultural communities in the ARMM;
k. Provide legal and technical services for the survey, adjudication, titling and development of tribal ancestral lands as well as settlements proclaimed by the government for the southern cultural communities within the ARMM;
l. Provide medical assistance and health programs in coordination with the Department of Health;
m. Coordinate the formulation, design, integration and the implementation, where applicable, of development plans which will assist members of the southern cultural communities in the ARMM in developing their ancestral lands with respect to contiguous areas occupied by members thereof, incorporating therein livelihood programs and ecological or environmental protection for traditional tribal domains, tribal hunting grounds and sacred ancestral places or tribal cultural assets;
n. Assist, promote and support community schools, both formal and non-formal, for the benefit of members of the southern cultural communities, incorporating therein the cultural values of the beneficiary communities consistent with the Filipino values of good citizenship and love of country, preferably in areas where existing educational facilities are not accessible to members of the southern cultural communities in the ARMM, in coordination with the Department of Education, Culture and Sports;
o. Encourage trade fairs and market centers to serve as outlets for the agricultural and handicraft products of the southern cultural communities; support the establishment of other marketing assistance and credit facilities for the promotion of trade and entrepreneurship among southern cultural communities in the ARMM;
p. Promote peace and harmony within, between and among the southern cultural communities by acting as mediator and encouraging the peaceful settlement of tribal disputes in accordance

with prevailing customary laws of each particular tribe; for such purpose, shall codify the customary laws of each particular tribe, specially those on the conduct of adjudication councils;

q. Recommend appropriate legislative proposals intended to promote the interests of the cultural communities within the ARMM;
r. Certify, whenever appropriate, membership of persons belonging to the southern cultural communities in the ARMM for purposes of establishing qualifications for specific requirements of government and private agencies and for other benefits as may be provided by law; and
s. Perform such other functions as may be provided by law.

SEC. 2. Transfer of Programs and Projects. The programs and projects of the OSCC located in the provinces of the ARMM shall be turned over to the Autonomous Regional Government Subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and procedures.

SEC. 3. Personnel and Administration. (1) All plantilla positions (filled and unfilled) of the OSCC effectively assigned or with the provinces of the ARMM as their official station shall be placed immediately under the control and supervision of the ARG.

(2) All personnel of the OSCC who are absorbed by the ARG shall retain their seniority rights, compensation and other benefits as provided under Section 2, Article XIX of Republic Act No. 6734.

(3) Personnel who decline to transfer or be absorbed by the ARG shall have the following options as outlined by the Civil Service Commission:

a. Retirement, if eligible
b. Absorption by their line department in another office or region subject to the availability of positions and at management's discretion;
c. Transfer to another department subject to the availability of position; or
d. Voluntary resignation

SEC. 4. Assets, Equipment and Properties. The field offices and sub-field offices of the OSCC shall be transferred to the ARG, subject to the provisions of law, pertinent issuances and other rules and regulations.

SEC. 5. Budget. All outstanding budget balances duly appropriated for the operations of the OSCC in the provinces of ARMM for the current fiscal year as of the date of transfer shall be turned over to the ARG.

SEC. 6. Date of Transfer. The date of transfer shall be set one month after the date of effectivity of this Executive Order.

SEC. 7. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Executive Order shall be held unconstitutional or declared contrary to law, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 8. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation and one (1) local newspaper of general circulation in the ARMM.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 17th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 463
ESTABLISHING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NEDA) BOARD

WHEREAS, Section 5, Article XII of Republic Act No. 6734 provides the creation of a Regional Planning and Development Board which shall serve as the planning, monitoring and coordinating agency for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao;

WHEREAS, under the said Act the said Board shall identify, evaluate and recommend the annual work programs and comprehensive development plans of the Autonomous Region to the Regional Assembly to ensure their proper implementation and shall formulate a Magna Carta for the Development of the Region to serve as the master plan for a systematic, progressive and total development of the Region;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 230, series of 1987, provides that the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), whose powers and functions reside in the NEDA Board, is responsible for formulating continuing, coordinated and integrated social and economic policies, plans and programs;

WHEREAS, Memorandum Order No. 295, series of 1990, mandates the adoption and implementation of the Synchronized Planning-Programming-Budgeting System (SPPBS) which includes the establishment of an institutional network, process, and schedule that will govern the preparation/coordination of the content, form and manner of preparation of plans, investment programs and budgets at the national and other levels;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Autonomous Regional Government shall be guided by the Synchronized Planning, Programming and Budgeting System (SPPBS) namely: The Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP), the Medium-Term Technical Assistance Program (MTTAP) and the Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP) in its planning, programming and budgeting activities.

SEC. 2. The Regional Planning and Development Board of the Autonomous Regional Government shall prepare: a) Regional Development Plan (RDP) consistent with the national development policies, goals, objectives and priorities embodied in the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP); and b) Regional Development Investment Programs (RDIP) and regional technical assistance program which shall be included in the Medium-Term Public Investment Program (MTPIP) and the Medium-Term Technical Assistance Program (MTTAP).

The RDP, RDIP and supporting technical assistance programs shall be submitted directly to the Office of the President for review and evaluation of their consistency with the MTPDP and the MTPIP/MTTAP.

SEC. 3. The Regional Governor shall participate in all the Regional Development Council Chairmen-Cabinet Officers for Regional Development (CORDs) meetings with the President.

SEC. 4. The Regional Planning and Development Board shall serve as the Regional Development Council in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao for purposes of the Synchronized Planning, Programming and Budgeting System (SPPBS), the composition of which shall be based on R.A. No. 6734 and regional legislation.

SEC. 5. The Local Development Councils (provincial, city/municipal) shall be maintained and strengthened in order to ensure continuity in the development planning processes. The Autonomous Regional Government may choose to reorganize the Local Development Councils through regional legislation.

SEC. 6. The NEDA Secretariat upon request of the Autonomous Regional Government, shall provide development planning assistance in the formulation of the Regional Development Plan (RDP) and the Regional Public Investment Plan (RPIP) and technical assistance programs.

SEC. 7. This Executive Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation and one (1) local newspaper of general circulation in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 17th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 464
ESTABLISHING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL COORDINATION BOARD AND THE AUTONOMOUS REGIONAL GOVERNMENT IN THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO

WHEREAS, the reliability, credibility and comparability of data have significant bearing on policy and decision making of the National Government;

WHEREAS, The Philippine Statistical System (PSS) as defined in Executive Order No. 121, series of 1987, consists of a policy-making and coordinating body, a statistical research and training center, a general purpose statistical agency, and all departments, bureaus, offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the national and local governments and all government-owned and controlled corporations and their subsidiaries that are engaged in statistical activities either as their primary function or as part of their administrative and regulatory functions;

WHEREAS, the coverage of the PSS cuts across all regions of the country, including the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), in order to ensure the proper determination of the over-all picture of the country;

WHEREAS, the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) recognizes the distinct customs and traditions of the Muslims in matters of births, deaths and marriages;

WHEREAS, Article XVI, Section 2, paragraph 3 (c) of Republic Act No. 6734 provides, among others, that the Regional Assembly shall enact further legislation regarding the registration of births, marriages and deaths in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao;

WHEREAS, to ensure the proper and effective implementation of the above-mentioned functions, there is a need for coordinative efforts between the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) and the Autonomous Regional Government (ARG);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The generation of statistics, such as population count and other demographic characteristics, labor, education, health, agriculture, and other general purpose data which are being used at the national level shall be the function of the National Statistics Office (NSO) and the National Statistical Coordination Board. "Generation of Statistics" shall mean (a) authority and responsibility to label as official statistics and/or identify statistics for official use; and (b) actual preparation and collection of primary statistics for planning purposes.

SEC. 2. Regional departments of the Autonomous Regional Government shall be responsible for the actual gathering of specific statistics under the technical supervision of the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) for purposes of consistency and coordination.

SEC. 3. The generation of vital statistics out of civil registration which is necessary in the projection of population data during intercensal years shall be carried out by the National Statistics Office (NSO).

Furthermore, to ensure consistency in generating national figures for vital statistics, the existing standard form for registration shall also be the basis of the form to be used by the Local Registrars

in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM). The NSO through the Office of the Civil Registrar General shall provide technical assistance in establishing the system.

SEC. 4. Pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1083, the Clerks of Court of the Shari'ah District Court and the Shari'ah Circuit Court shall act as District and Circuit Registrars of marriages, divorces, revocations of divorces and conversions within their respective jurisdiction in the ARMM.

The District Registrar shall exercise supervision over Circuit Registrars in every Shari'ah District. He shall be the custodian of the records sent by the Circuit Registrars and shall likewise send copies to the Office of the Civil Registrar General.

In the registration of births, marriages and death, the Shari'ah law shall take precedence from the existing civil registry law. The applicability of other civil registry laws can be invoked only to the extent as may be consistent with Presidential Decree No. 1083. This being the case, the requirements as embodied in the Revised Administrative Code of 1987, as amended, and other related laws shall be considered as applicable only to non-Muslims within the ARMM.

SEC. 5. The duties of the local civil registrars shall be performed by the treasurers of such other responsible public officers as may be designated by the Regional Governor in the municipalities, districts or cities within the ARMM, except those duties that are within the jurisdiction of the Shari'ah District Courts and the Shari'ah Circuit Courts. The local civil registrars shall be under the direction and supervision of the Civil Registrar-General.

SEC. 6. For the generated statistics to be considered part of the Philippine Statistics System, the Autonomous Regional Government shall coordinate with the NSCB. Coordination shall be understood as that of conforming with such standards already set by the NSCB as minimum requirements.

SEC. 7. The Philippine Statistical System shall provide for the statistical needs of the ARMM. The NSO shall establish a National Statistics Regional Office for the ARMM situated in the seat of the ARG. Since no transfer is to be effected, the NSO provincial staff with the ARMM shall be retained under the NSO.

SEC. 8. As to the statistical operations of offices already transferred to the ARG, and with the Philippine Statistical System cutting across regional jurisdictions, such offices and agencies, including the local government units shall still be covered by the NSCB. Data generated at the varying levels shall be submitted to the NSCB for review and approval to be considered and incorporated into the official ARMM data base.

SEC. 9. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Executive Order shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 10. This Executive Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation and one (1) local newspaper of general circulation in the ARMM.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 17th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President.
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 465
PROVIDING FOR THE ABOLITION OF CERTAIN GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS, GRANTING THE BOARD OF LIQUIDATORS CERTAIN POWERS AND AUTHORITIES RELATIVE THERETO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the abolition of certain government-owned or controlled corporations has been recommended by the Department of Budget and Management, pursuant to its mandate under Executive Order No. 165, series of 1987 and Executive Order No. 5, Series of 1986;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Justice in his Opinion No. 210, series of 1988, declares that the President of the Philippines "may, in the implementation of the privatization program of the government, amend or repeal the charter of government-owned or controlled corporations pursuant to her delegated legislative authority under Section 22 of Proclamation No. 50, which remains to be operative until it is amended, repealed or revoked by Congress (Sec. 3, Art. XVIII, Constitution);"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. **Abolition**. The following are hereby abolished:

(a) Philippine Dendro Gasifier, Inc.
(b) National Dendro Development Corporation
(c) Museum of Philippine Costumes
(d) Leyte Sab-a Basin Development Authority
(e) Philippine National Lines

The National Youth and Sports Development Foundation of the Philippines is hereby deemed abolished in accordance with Section 25 of Republic Act No. 6847.

SEC. 2. **Board of Liquidators**. Subject to Section 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9 hereof, the Board of Liquidators shall implement the abolition of the foregoing entities in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order No. 372, Series of 1950, and, pursuant thereto, shall, subject to the provisions of existing laws and with the approval of the President of the Philippines, lease, sell, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose the funds, properties, developmental projects, and other assets of the corporations therein abolished, in accordance with the following:

(a) When any of such properties, developmental projects and other assets are transferred, for archival purposes or for administration, continuance of project or use, to any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the government, the funds necessary therefor shall be taken from the unexpended balances of the National Treasury;
(b) The proceeds from the lease, sale, assignment, transfer or disposition herein authorized as well as the funds of the abolished corporations shall be used to settle their pending obligations pursuant to the priorities established by law and, thereafter, the expenses reasonably incurred by the Board of Liquidators in accomplishing the purposes of this Section: *Provided*, that the

remaining balance of such proceeds, if any, shall be remitted to the National Treasury as part of the General Fund;

(c) If the assets of any of the abolished corporations are not sufficient to pay its liabilities, payment thereof shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Code of the Philippines on the concurrence and preference of credits. The Board of Liquidators shall perform such powers and functions incidental, necessary or essential for the accomplishment of the purposes of this Section and such other powers and functions as may be appropriately assigned to it by the President of the Philippines for the efficient and effective implementation of this Executive Order.

SEC. 3. **Personnel, Appropriations, Funds**. The personnel of the abolished government-owned or controlled corporations shall receive the termination benefits that they may be entitled to under pertinent laws, rules and regulations; while the appropriations and funds, if any, of such corporations shall revert, net of liabilities, to the General Fund.

SEC. 4. **Notice or Consent Requirement**. If any organizational change that may result from the abolitions herein prescribed is of such substance or materiality as to prejudice third persons with rights recognized by law or contract such that notice to or consent of creditors is required to be made or obtained pursuant to any agreement entered into with any of such creditors, such notice or consent requirement shall be complied with prior to the implementation of such organizational change.

SEC. 5. **Supervision and Periodic Reports**. As to its performance of the authorities, powers and functions herein granted to it, the Board of Liquidators shall be supervised by the Department of Budget and Management and shall submit to the latter periodic reports of such performance.

SEC. 6. **Abolition of Philippine National Lines**. The National Development Company shall be the disposition entity to implement the abolition of the Philippine National Lines, under the supervision of the Committee on Privatization to which the National Development Company shall submit its plans and the schedule for said abolition. The National Development Company shall have the same powers and functions as the Board of Liquidators under Section 2 hereof and subject to the same limitations and conditions provided thereunder, except that in case of lease, sale, assignment, transfer or disposition of the funds, properties, developmental projects and other assets of the Philippine National Lines the approval thereof shall be by the Committee on Privatization.

SEC. 7. **Separability**. Any portion or provision of this Executive Order that may be declared unconstitutional or invalid shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or provisions hereof as long as such remaining portions or provisions can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

SEC. 8. **Repeal**. The following are hereby deemed repealed:

(a) Executive Order No. 871, Series of 1983, concerning the Philippine Dendro Gasifier, Inc.;
(b) Executive Order No. 662, Series of 1981, concerning the National Dendro Development Corporation;
(c) Presidential Decree No. 1349, Series of 1978, concerning the Museum of Philippine Costumes;
(d) Presidential Decree No. 1289, Series of 1978, concerning the National Youth and Sports Development Foundation of the Philippines;
(e) Presidential Decree No. 625, Series of 1974, concerning the Leyte Sab-a Basin Development Authority;
(f) Presidential Decree No. 900, Series of 1976, concerning the Philippine National Lines.

All other laws, rules, regulations and other administrative issuances or parts thereof, contrary to or inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. **Effectivity**. This Executive Order shall take effect upon its approval, subject to its publication in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 13th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 466
ASSIGNING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THE SOLE USE AND OCCUPANCY OF THE FORMER ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB) BUILDING AND PREMISES

WHEREAS, the ADB building and premises at 2330 Roxas Boulevard, upon the transfer of ADB to its new headquarters, have been returned to the Philippine Government;

WHEREAS, the Government recognizes the long-standing need of the Department of Foreign Affairs to have a building of its own, suited to its special functions and responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

The Department of Foreign Affairs is hereby designated as the government agency that will occupy the former ADB headquarters premises.

The Department shall include in its annual operating budget the amount necessary to maintain the building structures, facilities and premises.

This Order shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

DONE in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 21st day of June in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 467
DIRECTING MEASURES TO PREVENT UNREASONABLE INCREASES IN THE PRICES OF CERTAIN PRIME AND ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES IN AREAS AFFECTED BY THE ERUPTION AND OTHER VOLCANIC ACTIVITIES OF MT. PINATUBO

WHEREAS, certain measures must be undertaken to prevent unreasonable increases in the prices of certain prime and essential commodities in the areas affected by the eruption and other volcanic activities of Mt. Pinatubo;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Secretary of Trade and Industry is hereby directed to impose price ceilings on certain prime and essential commodities in the areas declared under a state of public calamity as a result of the continuing eruption and other volcanic activities of Mt. Pinatubo, and to take such measures as may be appropriate to ensure the availability of, and to maintain reasonable prices, of said commodities.

SEC. 2. The prime and essential commodities covered by this Executive Order are as follows:

Milk	Cooking Oil
Rice	Chicken
Flour	Pork Liempo
Sugar	

A public hearing shall be conducted for the purpose of determining the coverage of the commodities under price control and their respective price ceilings. The list of prime and essential commodities and their price ceilings under price control shall take effect two (2) days after publication in a local newspaper or posting in at least three (3) conspicuous public places within the City/ Municipality where the price ceilings shall be imposed.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Trade and Industry is hereby authorized to review, adjust or revise the price ceilings of the aforesaid prime and essential commodities as may be warranted.

SEC. 4. Provincial and City Price Task Forces are hereby created in the areas declared under a state of public calamity as a result of the eruption and other volcanic activities of Mt. Pinatubo for the purpose of assisting the Secretary of Trade and Industry in the implementation of this Executive Order.

The Task Forces shall be composed of the following: the Provincial Governor or the City Mayor as Chairman of the Provincial or City Price Task Force, respectively; the Provincial Director of the Department of Trade and Industry as Vice-Chairman; and one representative each from the Department of Agriculture, National Food Authority and a Non-Governmental Organization concerned with consumer welfare, to be selected by the Task Force Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of Trade and Industry, Provincial and City Price Task Forces are hereby authorized to mobilize and deputize all government agencies and instrumentalities including the

Philippine National Police and other law enforcement agencies to strictly implement this Executive Order.

SEC. 6. The Secretary of Trade and Industry shall issue such guidelines as may be necessary for the effective implementation of this Executive Order.

SEC. 7. This Executive Order shall take effect upon publication in a national newspaper of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 26th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 468
PROVIDING FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE REVENUE INFORMATION SYSTEMS SERVICES, INC. (RISSI), AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE TO ESTABLISH AN EFFICIENT COMPUTER AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Revenue Information Systems Services, Inc. (RISSI) was incorporated with the Securities and Exchange Commission in accordance with the Corporation Code of the Philippines, to serve the computerization needs of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR);

WHEREAS, consistent with the Government's Corporate Rationalization Program, the dissolution of the RISSI was finally decided upon the recommendation of the Department of Budget and Management in accordance with the latter's mandate under Executive Order No. 5, Series of 1986, and Executive Order No. 165, Series of 1987;

WHEREAS, Section 48, General Provisions, of Republic Act No. 7078 otherwise known as the General Appropriations Act, FY 1991, provides that:

> "Sec. 48. Scaling Down and Phase-out of Activities of Agencies within the Executive Branch. The heads of departments, bureaus, offices and agencies are hereby directed to identify their respective activities which are no longer essential in the delivery of public services and which may be scaled down, phased-out or abolished, subject to civil service rules and regulations. Said activities shall be reported to the Office of the President through the Department of Budget and Management and to the Chairman, Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Chairman, Committee on Finance of the Senate. Actual scaling down, phase-out or abolition of the activities shall be effected pursuant to circulars or orders issued for the purpose by the Office of the President.
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> Savings generated by departments, bureaus, offices and agencies on the abolition, phase-out or scaling down of unnecessary activities may be used by the departments, bureaus, offices and agencies concerned for the augmentation of their respective programs, projects and activities."

WHEREAS, the BIR must be authorized to establish an efficient computer and communications network system for the purpose of improving its internal revenue enforcement and collection activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Dissolution. – The Department of Finance through the Bureau of Internal Revenue is hereby authorized to cause the dissolution of the Revenue Information Systems Services, Inc. (RISSI).

SEC. 2. Authority of the Bureau of Internal Revenue. – The Bureau of Internal Revenue is hereby authorized to establish an efficient computer and communications network system that shall address the following concerns:

(a) formulation and administration of policies, guidelines, systems and procedures for the development, design, and maintenance of a computerized management information system and data processing;

(b) development of a taxpayer base and a taxpayer account number system;

(c) compilation and processing of returns, receipts, accounts receivables, statements of assets and liabilities, and other internal revenue documents;

(d) collection of data and upkeep of subsidiary records of internal revenue assessments and collections;

(e) compilation of statistics on income tax, and other relevant data which shall serve as inputs to tax planning and researches; and,

(f) provision of staff advisory and coordinative functions relative to the computerization requirements of the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

SEC. 3. Personnel and Organizational Policies. Upon said dissolution of the aforementioned corporation, its officers and employees shall continue to perform their respective duties and responsibilities under the Bureau of Internal Revenue and receive the corresponding salaries and benefits unless in the meantime they are separated, laid off, or retired from the service pursuant to existing laws, policies, rules and regulations.

The Secretary of Finance, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, shall submit the necessary organizational arrangement for the computer and communications network system to the Secretary of Budget and Management within one hundred twenty (120) days from the dissolution of said corporation; provided, that incumbents of said corporation shall have priority for appointment to the same or comparable positions in the concerned unit or units; provided, further, that the same incumbents shall have the option to be laid off or to retire from the service whenever such option is available to them under existing laws, policies, rules and regulations. Those incumbents of said corporation, whose positions are not among those of the Service or who are not reappointed, shall be deemed separated from public service. Those who are separated, laid off or retired from public service shall receive the benefits they may be entitled to under existing laws, policies, rules and regulations.

SEC. 4. Transfer of Records and Others. The records, equipment, facilities, choses in actions, rights, other assets and personnel of said corporation are hereby transferred to the proper accomplishment of the objectives of this Executive Order. The appropriations and funds of said corporation, if any, shall revert to the General Fund after reserving an amount to pay the benefits of those separated, laid off or retired from public service under the preceding Section 3; provided, that if the appropriations and funds of the corporation are not sufficient to pay such benefits, the deficiency shall be satisfied from the savings of the Department of Finance and, thereafter from unappropriated balances of the National Treasury. Its remaining assets, if any, shall be allocated to the appropriate units of the government as the Office of the President shall determine or shall otherwise be disposed in accordance with the Government Auditing Code of the Philippines and other pertinent laws, rules and regulations. Its liabilities other than the aforementioned benefits, if any, shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Code of the Philippines on the concurrence and preference of credits.

SEC. 5. Implementing Authority. The Secretary of Finance shall issue such rules, regulations and other issuances as may be necessary to ensure the efficient and effective implementation of this Executive Order.

SEC. 6. Separability. Any portion or provision of this Executive Order that may be declared unconstitutional or invalid shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or provisions hereof as long as such remaining portions or provisions can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

SEC. 7. Repeal. All rules, regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall be effective upon its approval subject to its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation or in the Official Gazette.

APPROVED in the City of Manila, this 3rd day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **OSCAR M. ORBOS**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 469
CREATING A NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE 1992 UN CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCED)

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution mandates as a policy of the State the protection and advancement of the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, environmental protection is now viewed as an integral part of the development process of developing countries and cannot be considered in isolation from it;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to intensify efforts to protect and improve the quality of the environment at national, sub-regional, and global levels by adopting, wherever relevant, an approach in which economic growth would be directed towards environmentally sound and sustainable development;

WHEREAS, there is a need to adopt an integrated approach to environment and development, whenever possible, and in accordance with our priorities and capabilities to incorporate environmental considerations into economic planning with a view to effecting the coordinated development of our economies and environment;

WHEREAS, the Philippines supported the United Nations General Assembly Resolution No. 44/228 adopted without a vote on 19 December 1989, which decided to convene a United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Brazil at the highest possible level of participation to coincide with World Environment Day on 5 June 1992 and which Conference is mandated to elaborate strategies and measures to halt and reverse the effects of environmental degradation in the context of strengthened national and international efforts to promote sustainable and environmentally sound development in all countries;

WHEREAS, the General Assembly Resolution No. 44/228 invites all States to take an active part in the preparations for the Conference and to prepare national reports to the Preparatory Committee;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the various agencies of Philippine Government to coordinate their activities in the implementation of the Philippine strategy for sustainable development;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for the Philippine Government to coordinate its actions in preparation for a meaningful contribution to the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a National Coordinating Committee for the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development, hereinafter referred to as "the National Coordinating Committee for UNCED" with membership and functions as provided in the following sections:

SECTION 1. Composition. – The National Coordinating Committee for UNCED is to be composed of the following:

Secretary of Foreign Affairs	–	Chairman
Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources	–	Co-Chairman
Secretary of Science and Technology	–	Vice-Chairman
Secretary of Transportation and and Communications	–	Member
Secretary of Finance	–	Member
Secretary of Agriculture	–	Member
Secretary of Public Works & Highways	–	Member
Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports	–	Member
Secretary of Labor and Employment	–	Member
Secretary of National Defense	–	Member
Secretary of Health	–	Member
Secretary of Trade and Industry	–	Member
Secretary of the Interior and Local Government	–	Member
Secretary for Socio-Economic Planning	–	Member
Executive Director, Office of Energy Affairs	–	Member
A representative from the non-governmental organization's sector (NGO) involved in environmental concerns	–	Member

The President may designate such other officials as members of the National Coordinating Committee.

SEC. 2. The National Coordinating Committee for UNCED shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

(1) Coordinate and monitor all activities of various agencies of Government concerning environmental matters in preparation for an effective and cohesive Philippine participation in the UNCED;

(2) Prepare Philippine participation in the Preparatory Committee of the General Assembly established pursuant to paragraph 1, Part II of UNGA Resolution No. 44/228 and to prepare national reports, as appropriate, for submission to the Preparatory Committee in accordance with paragraph II, Part II of the aforesaid UNGA Resolution;

(3) Consult and promote cooperation with concerned non-governmental organizations, the business and industrial sectors, the scientific community, trade unions, academicians, and others in order to achieve broadbased national preparatory processes for the promotion of international cooperation on environmental matters;

(4) Help promote and increase public awareness of environmental issues as related to UNCED and initiate such measures as it may deem necessary to increase awareness of the value of environment;

(5) Serve as the repository of information on all environmental matters related to UNCED;

(6) Perform such other acts which are necessary to carry out its mandated functions and responsibilities including making an assessment of, and concomitant recommendations to the President, relating to the results of UNCED;

SEC. 3. In order to ensure the efficient and effective discharge of its responsibilities, the National Coordinating Committee for UNCED may create sub-committees and/or working groups as it may deem necessary;

SEC. 4. A National UNCED Secretariat is hereby established and will be located at the Department of Foreign Affairs.

SEC. 5. The Secretariat shall prepare and provide administrative support for the meetings of the National Coordinating Committee and the sub-committees and/or working groups which may be created. It shall be the repository of all documents and records pertaining to the UNCED.

SEC. 6. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 16th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 470
MODIFYING THE NOMENCLATURE AND RATES OF IMPORT DUTY OF CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES UNDER SECTION 104 OF THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978 (PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464), AS AMENDED

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 401 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, otherwise known as the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed in Annex "A" hereof as classified under Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, shall pay the rates of import duty to be applied by stages in accordance with the schedule indicated opposite each article as listed in the aforementioned Annex "A"; Provided, That the rates of duty indicated for 1995 shall continue to be levied, imposed and collected in the succeeding years until otherwise modified.

SECTION 2. The nomenclature and existing rates of import duty of imported articles under Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended, which are not included or modified in this Executive Order, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This Executive Order supersedes Executive Order No. 413.

SECTION 4. This Executive Order shall take effect after thirty (30) days following its publication in two (2) national newspaper of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 20th day of July, in the year Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 471
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 319, SERIES OF 1987, ENTITLED "PROVIDING FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS"

WHEREAS, local development councils have been reorganized in the barangay, municipal, city and provincial levels, pursuant to Executive Order No. 319, series of 1987;

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide a meaningful balance between democratic representation which favors a larger number of representation, and organization efficiency which favors a smaller number of representation;

WHEREAS, there is a need to further strengthen the local development councils to make them more efficient in accelerating economic and social growth and development at the local levels;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Executive Order No. 319, series of 1987, is hereby amended to read as follows:

> "SECTION 1. Reorganization and Strengthening of the Local Development Council. The Provincial Development Councils, City Development Councils, Municipal Development Councils and Barangay Development Councils are hereby further reorganized and strengthened. The Councils shall assist local legislative bodies in setting the direction of economic and social development and coordinating development efforts in their respective territorial jurisdictions.

1.1 Composition of the Local Development Councils.

1.1.1 Barangay Development Council. The Barangay Development Council shall be headed by the Barangay Captain and shall be composed of the following members:

(i) The members of the Sangguniang Barangay:
(ii) The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Operations Officer assigned to the barangay, or if there is none, the DILG Operations Officer assigned to the municipality/city;
(iii) Representatives of government agencies working or assigned in the barangay; and
(iv) Representatives of the private sector and non–governmental organizations (NGOs) operating in the barangay, who shall not be more than one–fourth (1/4) of the members of the fully constituted Council and who shall be confirmed by the ex-officio members of the Council in accordance with the rules and regulations that may be prescribed under Section 10 of this Executive Order.

1.1.2. City Development Council and Municipal Development Council. The City/Municipal Development Council shall be headed by the Mayor and shall be composed of the following members:

(i) The Barangay Captains;
(ii) The Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Sangguniang Panlungsod/ Bayan;
(iii) Heads of offices in the city or municipality of departments and agencies represented in the Cabinet: Provided, That each Department or Agency shall be represented by only one head of office;
(iv) Representatives of the private sector and NGOs who shall not be more than one–fourth (1/4) of the members of the fully constituted Council and who shall be confirmed by the ex–officio members of the City/Municipal Development Council in accordance with the rules and regulations that may be prescribed under Section 10 of this Executive Order;

1.1.3. Provincial Development Council. The Provincial Development Council shall be headed by the Governor and shall be composed of the following members:

(i) Mayors of Component Cities and Municipalities;
(ii) The Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;
(iii) The President of the Provincial Association of Barangay Council (ABC);
(iv) Heads of offices in the province of departments and agencies represented in the Cabinet: Provided, That each Department or Agency shall be represented by only one head of office;
(v) Representatives of the private sector and NGOs who shall not be more than one–fourth (1/4) of the members of the fully constituted Council and who shall be confirmed by the ex–officio members of the Provincial Development Council in accordance with the rules and regulations that may be prescribed under Section 10 of this Executive Order.

SECTION 2. Section 5 of Executive Order No. 319, series of 1987, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION. 5. Functions of the Local Development Council. The Provincial Development Council, City Development Council, and Municipal Development Council shall have the following functions:

(i) Formulate long–term, medium–term, and annual socio–economic development policies and plans as well as the corresponding budget;
(ii) Formulate medium-term and annual public investment programs;
(iii) Appraise and prioritize the socio-economic development programs and projects;
(iv) Coordinate local investment incentives to promote the inflow and direction of private investment capital;
(v) Coordinate, monitor and evaluate programs and projects; and

(vi) Perform such other functions as may be provided for by law or competent authority.

The Barangay Development Council shall have the following functions:

(i) Mobilize citizens' participation in local development efforts;
(ii) Prepare barangay development plan based on local requirements;
(iii) Monitor and evaluate program and project implementation; and
(iv) Perform such other functions as may be provided for by law or competent authority."

SECTION 3. Meetings of the Provincial/City/Municipal/Barangay Councils. The concerned Local Development Council shall hold regular meetings once every six months, on a day and time that may be agreed upon by the Council during its initial meeting. However, it may call special meetings as the need arises.

Authorized representatives of Congressmen may be allowed to participate in their respective Local Development Council meetings on a non-voting status.

SECTION 4. Section 2 of Executive Order No. 319, series of 1987, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. Executive Committee. The local development councils, by council resolution, shall create an Executive Committee.

2.1 Composition.

2.1.1 The Executive Committee of the Provincial Development Council shall be chaired by the Provincial Governor and shall be composed of the following members:

(i) A representative of the Mayors of component cities within the Province to be chosen by and from among themselves;
(ii) The Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;
(iii) The President of the provincial Association of Barangay Council (ABC);
(iv) The President of the provincial chapter of the Municipal Mayors League;
(v) One (1) representative of the national agencies, to be chosen from and by the Council;
(vi) One (1) representative from the private/NGO sector to be chosen by the private and NGO sector members of the Council themselves; and
(vii) The DILG Provincial Operations Officer as ex–officio member.

2.1.2 The Executive Committee of the City/Municipal Development Council shall be chaired by the City/Municipal Mayor and shall be composed of the following members:

(i) The Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Sangguniang Panlungsod/ Bayan;
(ii) The President of the City/Municipal Association of Barangay Council;
(iii) One (1) representative of the National Agencies to be chosen from and by the Council;

(iv) One (1) representative from the private/NGO sector to be chosen by the private/NGO sector members of the Council themselves; and
(v) The DILG City/Municipal Operations Officer as ex–officio member.

2.1.3 Participation of Other Council Members. The above composition notwithstanding, the Executive Committee may call any Council member to be present and participate in any of its meetings, if and whenever necessary.
2.1.4 The Executive Committee shall be assisted by an Executive Secretary who shall be the concerned Municipal, City or Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator.

SECTION 5. Powers, Functions and Responsibilities of the Executive Committee.
5.1 The Executive Committee shall have the following powers, functions and responsibilities:

(i) Ensure that the decisions of the Council are faithfully and effectively carried out;
(ii) Act on matters that need the immediate attention and/or action of the Council;
(iii) Formulate policies in accordance with the general principles laid down by the Council; and
(iv) Act on other matters which the Council, by resolution, may so authorize.

5.2. Matters Needing Confirmation by the Council
The Council, in its resolution creating the Executive Committee, shall clearly identify those matters on which the Executive Committee may take final action and those matters which will need the Council's confirmation.

SECTION 6. Meetings of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall hold regular meetings at least once every quarter on a day or days that may be agreed upon during its initial meeting.

SECTION 7. Section 3 of Executive Order No. 319, series of 1987, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION. 3. Sectoral or Functional Committees. The local development councils may organize sectoral or functional committees in accordance with the rules and regulations that may be prescribed under Section 10 of this Executive Order."

SECTION 8. Section 6 of Executive Order No. 319, series of 1987, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION. 6. Relation to Local Legislative Bodies and the Regional Development Council.
6.1 Sangguniang Barangay
The Sangguniang Barangay shall approve the barangay development plan and its corresponding budget proposed by the Barangay Development Council, prior to submission to the City or Municipal Development Council for integration into the Municipal or City Development Plan.

6.2 Sangguniang Panlungsod and Sangguniang Bayan

The Sangguniang Panlungsod and the Sangguniang Bayan shall approve the city/municipal development plan and its corresponding budget proposed by the component City or Municipal Development Councils, prior to submission to the Provincial Development Council for integration into the Provincial Development Plan.

6.3 Sangguniang Panlungsod of Highly Urbanized Cities

The Sangguniang Panlungsod of Highly Urbanized Cities shall approve the city development plan and its corresponding budget proposed by the City Development Council, prior to submission to the Regional Development Council for integration into the Regional Development Plan.

6.4 Sangguniang Panlalawigan

The Sangguniang Panlalawigan shall approve the provincial development plan and its corresponding budget proposed by the Provincial Development Council, prior to submission to the Regional Development Council for integration into the Regional Development Plan.

6.5 Regional Development Council

The Regional Development Council shall integrate into the Regional Development Plan the provincial and highly urbanized city development plans and their corresponding budgets approved by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan/Panlungsod of highly urbanized cities, prior to submission to the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Board, in accordance with Executive Order No. 308, series of 1987."

SECTION 9. Section 7 of Executive Order No. 319, series of 1987, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 7. Budget Information. The Department of Budget and Management and other national agencies shall furnish the councils information on financial resources applicable to their respective jurisdictions to guide them in their planning functions."

SECTION 10. Section 9 of Executive Order No. 319, series of 1987, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION. 9. Implementing Authority. The Department of Interior and Local Government, in consultation with the Presidents of the Leagues of Provincial Governors, City Mayors, and Municipal Mayors and the Pambansang Katipunan ng mga Barangay (PKB), shall promulgate the necessary guidelines to implement this Executive Order, subject to the approval of the NEDA Board."

SECTION 11. Repealing Clause. All orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect fifteen days after publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1991). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 472
SUSPENDING THE APPLICATION OF THE TARIFF CONCESSIONS GRANTED BY THE PHILIPPINES ON REFRACTORY BRICKS UNDER THE ASEAN PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Philippines presently grants a 10% binding concession and a 25% Margin of Preference (MOP) on refractory bricks under the ASEAN Preferential Trading Arrangements;

WHEREAS, such grant of tariff concessions has resulted in the surge of imports of subject articles thereby causing serious injury to the concerned local industries;

WHEREAS, the Agreement on the ASEAN Preferential Trading Arrangements provides for the adoption by any importing Contracting State of emergency measures if, as a result of the implementation of the Agreement, imports of products enjoying tariff preferences are increasing in such a manner as to cause or threaten to cause serious injury to sectors producing like or similar products in the said importing Contracting State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, pursuant to the powers vested in me under Section 402 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, as amended, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The application of the tariff concessions granted by the Philippines on the products listed in the attached Annex "A" under the ASEAN Preferential Trading Arrangements is hereby suspended.

SEC. 2. Upon the effectivity of this Executive Order, imports of subject articles from the ASEAN countries shall be levied the existing rates of duty indicated in Column 3 of the said Annex "A".

SEC. 3. In the event that any subsequent changes are made in the basic Philippine rate of duty on any of the subject articles, such articles shall automatically be accorded the corresponding amended rate of duty.

SEC. 4. This Executive Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 1st day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

Reference: Annex A

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1991). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 473
ESTABLISHMENT OF SEA LANES FOR THE USE OF FISHING VESSELS IN PROCEEDING TO AND FROM THEIR FISHING AREAS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, international disputes have frequently arisen involving foreign fishing vessels and their crews found inside the maritime jurisdiction of the Philippines, particularly those occurring in waters between the Bashi and Balintang channels and off– the Batanes Islands in the China Sea;

WHEREAS, it is desirable that such disputes be avoided in the interest of the international relations of the Philippines;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. **Establishment of Sea Lanes.** There are hereby established two (2) sea lanes to be used by foreign fishing vessels in proceeding to their fishing areas in the South Pacific Ocean (outbound) and in returning to their home ports (inbound) which are described as follows:

(a) Outbound Sea Lane:

Fishing vessels shall start at point A (at lat. 21 deg. 24 min. N and long 120 deg. – 55 min. E) sailing eastward to point B (at lat. 21 deg. – 24 min. N and long 122 deg. – 05 min. E) turning SE to point C (at lat. 21 deg. – 00 min. N and long 122 deg. – 26 min. E) and then proceeding to their destination at the South Pacific Ocean. Sea Lane from point A to C shall have a total width of 10 nautical miles.

(b) Inbound Sea Lanes:

Fishing vessels shall start at point D (at lat. 19 deg. 00 min. N and long 122 deg. – 42 min. E) sailing NW to point E (at lat. 19 deg. – 20 min. N and long 122 deg. - 27 min. E) thence bearing NNW to point F (at lat. 20 deg. – 08 min. N and long 122 deg. – 20 min. E) thence turning W to point G (at lat. 20 deg. – 08 min. N and long 121 deg. – 27 min. E) to point A (at lat. 21 deg. – 24 min. N and 120 deg. – 55 min. N) and thence proceeding to their home ports. Width of Route from point D to E, E to F and G to A shall each have a total of 12 nautical miles while the width of the Route F to G shall have a total of 6 nautical miles.

SEC 2. **Requirements for the use of Sea Lanes**. All fishing vessels, using the aforesaid sea lanes, shall be subject to Philippine maritime, immigration and customs laws and regulations and to monitoring and inspection by the Philippine Navy and/or Coast Guard vessels and, moreover, shall:

a. Provide prior notification to the Philippine Coast Guard and/or to the Philippine Navy each time they use the designated sea lanes;

b. Proceed without delay;

c. Stow the fishing gear of the vessels and not perform any fishing activities;

d. Refrain from the use of force of any kind, or any other acts in violation of the principles of international law embodied in the Charter of the United Nations;

e. Refrain from any activities other than those incident to their normal modes of continuous and expeditious transit unless rendered necessary by force majeure or by distress;

f. Comply with generally accepted international regulations, procedures and practices for safety at sea;

g. Not pollute the sea lanes; and

h. Not carry out research or survey activities without the prior authorization of the Philippine Government.

SEC 3. **Guidelines for fishing vessels to enter designated Ports**. Such fishing vessels may be authorized to enter certain designated ports of the Philippines for the purpose of obtaining supplies and services; repairing of vessels; and unloading, shipping and trans-shipping of catches, provided that there are established in such ports certain infrastructures which will develop the aforesaid ports into a fishing base port, including improvements of harbor and mooring facilities; construction of ice-making, cold storage plants and relevant services, all investments in said infrastructure to be made consistent with Philippine investments laws and regulations.

SEC 4. **Implementing Agency**. The Department of National Defense shall implement the provisions of this Executive Order and monitor compliance with relevant Philippine laws and regulations.

SEC 5. **Effectivity Clause**. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 5th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1991). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 474
ESTABLISHING THE COORDINATIVE AND MANAGEMENT MECHANISM FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOUTH COTABATO/GENERAL SANTOS CITY AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, Area Development Projects (ADPs) are multi-sectoral projects which focus on the development of certain geographic areas;

WHEREAS, the National Economic and Development Authority Board has approved the South Cotabato/General Santos City Area Development Project;

WHEREAS, there is a need for an effective and stable mechanism for the coordination and management of the said project consistent with government's policy of decentralization and regionalization as provided under Executive Order No. 363, s. of 1989;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. **South Cotabato/General Santos City Area Development Project Office**. There is hereby established the South Cotabato/General Santos City Area Development Project Office, hereinafter referred to as the ADP Office, which is placed under the Regional Development Council, Region XII, for the coordination, supervision, and direction in the implementation of the South Cotabato/General Santos City Area Development Project. The ADP Office shall be composed of a Project Board and a Project Management Unit (PMU) which shall hold office in General Santos City.

Sec. 2. **Project Board and Project Management Unit**. (a) The Project Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, shall be composed of the following:

The Secretary of Agriculture	Chairman
The Regional Director National Economic and Development Authority, Region XII	Vice-Chairman
The Provincial Governor of South Cotabato	Member
The Mayor of General Santos City	Member
The NEDA Regional Director for Region XII	Member
The representatives from government agencies involved in the Project	Member
Two representatives from non-government organizations (NGOs) to be designated by the Regional Development Council and the Regional Assembly, Region XII	Members

The Board shall have the following powers and functions:

a. Formulate and establish the development goals and policies for the project within the context of the Regional Development Plan;
b. Provide overall direction, coordination and supervision in the planning, implementation, and monitoring of all project components and development activities of the Project;

c. Encourage the support and assistance from government and non-government institutions in the planning and implementation of the various components of the Project;
d. Review and endorse to the Regional Development Council, Region XII, for approval the multi-year and annual plans and investment programs under the Project;
e. Review and endorse, through the RDC, to the Department of Budget and Management, the annual budget for the Project, including that for the operations of the ADP Office;
f. Organize the Project Management Unit (PMU) and appoint its Project Director;
g. Review and confirm contracts entered into by the Project Director;
h. Submit to the President, the RDC, the NEDA Board and Congress quarterly progress reports on the Project and such other reports as may be required;
i. Formulate implementing rules and regulations pertaining to the internal operations of the ADP Office; and
j. Perform such other functions and responsibilities as the President or the RDC may direct.

(b) **Project Management Unit**. The Project Management Unit (PMU) shall serve as technical and administrative secretariat of the Board, and as such, undertake the day-to-day activities of the ADP Office. It shall perform the following powers and functions:

a. Coordinate the preparation by the line agencies and local government units of the multi-year and annual plans and investment programs including the annual budget of the Project and submit the same to the Board;
b. Coordinate with line agencies, local government units, financing institutions, non-government organizations, and other concerned entities in the implementation of the Project;
c. Enter into contracts, through its Project Director, as may be necessary for the administrative operations of the ADP Office subject to existing laws, rules and regulations;
d. Undertake periodic review and evaluation of the Project and shall, for the purpose, design and operate a program implementation and project benefit monitoring and evaluation system consistent with the Regional Project Monitoring and Evaluation System (RPMES); and
e. Perform such other functions and responsibilities as the Board may direct.

The PMU shall be headed by a full-time Project Director to be appointed by the Board. The PMU shall have a staff complement the composition and structure of which shall be reviewed and endorsed by the Board to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for approval.

Sec. 3. **Coordination**. The Project shall be coordinated at the following levels:

At the National level: The NEDA Secretariat shall serve as oversight body for the Project and shall perform the following powers and functions:

(a) Ensure that the development goals, policies and programs formulated by the Project Board are properly coordinated with the overall goals, policies and programs;
(b) Maintain liaison with central offices and, as necessary, arrange the needed support for the project from central agencies, including funding agencies;
(c) Monitor and conduct periodic review of the Project with respect to achievement of targets, objectives, priorities, and goals, and facilitate expeditious implementation of the Project; and,
(d) Perform such other functions as may be provided by law.

At the Regional level: The Regional Development Council shall perform the following powers and functions:

(a) Ensure that the development goals and policies formulated by the Project Board are consistent with the Regional Development Plan;
(b) Approve the multi-year and annual plans and investment programs under the Project;
(c) Endorse to the DBM the annual budget for the Project, including that for the operations of the ADP Office;
(d) Monitor and conduct periodic review of the Project with respect to achievement of targets, objectives and goals; and
(e) Perform such other functions and responsibilities as the NEDA Board may direct.

Sec. 5. **Role of Implementing Agencies**. Line Agencies/Departments, in close coordination with the concerned local government units, shall be responsible for implementing their respective components, and all contracts entered into for the preparation and/or implementation of Project components shall be governed by existing procedures/arrangements adopted by the respective agencies. The said agencies/departments, in all cases, shall ensure that the implementation of their respective components is consistent with terms stipulated in the corresponding Loan/Grant Agreements of the Project.

Sec. 6. **Operational Requirements**. The DBM shall allocate from any lump sum appropriations in the General Appropriations Act the amount as may be appropriate and necessary for the operational requirements of the ADP Office based on the work and financial program submitted by the Board and as endorsed by the RDC.

Sec. 7. **ADP Office Term**. The ADP Office shall have a term corresponding to the implementation period of projects included in the Project as approved by the NEDA Board.

Sec. 8. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 12th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1991). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 475
REDUCING THE RATE OF ADDITIONAL DUTY PRESCRIBED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 443, SERIES OF 1991, TO FIVE PERCENT (5%) AD VALOREM

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 401 of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Subject to the provisions of Section 2 hereof, the rate of additional duty imposed on all imports under Executive Order No. 443, series of 1991, is hereby reduced from nine per cent (9%) to five per cent (5%) ad valorem with the exception of selected articles covered by HS Heading Nos. 27.09 and 27.10 of Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code indicated in Annex "A" hereof, which shall continue to be subject to the additional duty of nine per cent (9%) ad valorem.

SEC 2. The provisions of aforesaid Executive Order No. 443 on importations exempt from the additional duty, and all rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto shall remain valid and effective.

SEC 3. This Executive Order shall take effect after two (2) days following the completion of its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation and shall remain effective unless sooner revoked or modified.

Done in the City of Manila, this 15th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

Reference: Annex A

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1991). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 476
PLACING THE COMMISSION ON POPULATION UNDER THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, under Executive Order No. 408, dated June 18, 1990, the Commission on Population was placed under the control and supervision of the Office of the President;

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate coordination of policies and programs relative to population, it is now deemed necessary to attach the Commission on Population to the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA);

WHEREAS, Book III, Title III, Chapter 10, Section 31(3), of the Administrative Code of 1987 authorizes the President to "[T]ransfer any agency under the Office of the President to any other department or agency as well as transfer agencies to the Office of the President from other departments or agencies";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Commission on Population is hereby attached to the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA).

SEC. 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 14th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1991). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 477
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 6 DATED 12 MARCH 1986, AS AMENDED, PRESCRIBING PROCEDURES RELATIVE TO REQUESTS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FOR AUTHORITY TO TRAVEL ABROAD

WHEREAS, the autonomy of the constitutional bodies in terms not only of their fiscal resources but also of their internal administration must be recognized;

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court have been exempted from the provisions of Executive Order No. 6, as amended, and the Supreme Court has internal guidelines on the travels abroad of the Members of the Judiciary and the court employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Chairmen and the Commissioners of the Civil Service Commission, Commission on Elections and Commission on Audit, the Chairman and Members of the Commission on Human Rights and the Ombudsman and the Deputy Ombudsmen of the Office of the Ombudsman are hereby exempted from the provisions of Executive Order No. 6, as amended, requiring them to secure the prior approval of the Office of the President in connection with their travels abroad.

SEC. 2. These constitutional bodies shall promulgate guidelines on travels abroad for their members, officials and employees.

SEC. 3. The members, officials and employees of the aforementioned constitutional bodies shall henceforth submit their requests for permission to travel abroad to the heads of the Commissions/ Office concerned.

SEC. 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 21st day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1991). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 478
IMPOSING SPECIAL DUTIES ON CRUDE OIL AND OIL PRODUCTS UNDER SECTION 104 OF THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED

Pursuant to the powers vested in me under Sections 104 and 401 of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended, **I, CORAZON C. AQUINO**, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. A special duty of P0.95 per liter or P151.05 per barrel on imported crude oil falling under Hdg. No. 27.09 and P1.00 per liter on imported oil products falling under Hdg. Nos. 27.10 and 27.11 of Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended, and listed in Annex "A" hereof shall be levied in addition to the existing ad valorem rates imposed on these articles.

SEC. 2. Upon the effectivity of this Executive Order, the articles listed in Annex "A" hereof when entered or withdrawn from warehouses in the Philippines for consumption shall be subject to the additional rates of duty prescribed therein.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect after thirty (30) days following its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 479
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 442, SERIES OF 1991, AS AMENDED, FOR THE PURPOSE OF STRENGTHENING AND STREAMLINING THE PRESIDENTIAL ACTION CENTER

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 442 dated 3 January 1991, as amended by Executive Order No. 447 dated 5 February 1991, creating the Presidential Action Center in the Office of the President, vested the same with broad powers and functions;

WHEREAS, the Office of the President strongly adheres to the principle of decentralization with corresponding responsibility and accountability;

WHEREAS, to enable the Office of the President to be more responsive to the exigencies of the service, there is need to strengthen the coordinative and facilitative functions of the Presidential Action Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Executive Order No. 442 is hereby amended to read, as follows:

"Sec. 2. The Presidential Action Center shall perform the following functions:

1. Provide callers, visitors and other persons who come to transact business with the Office of the President with the necessary information;
2. Serve as the liaison unit of the Office of the President with various departments and agencies of the Government on all requests for assistance as well as complaints and grievances by the general public;
3. Coordinate with the various departments and agencies in order to carry out its objectives and functions, and institute a follow-up and feedback mechanism to ensure that the referrals of the Presidential Action Center are given attention and expeditiously acted upon;
4. To make available to the public counselling services pertaining to their requests, grievances or complaints; and
5. To perform other functions and responsibilities as the President or the Executive Secretary may direct."

SEC. 2. For greater effectivity and efficiency, all other programs and services of the Presidential Action Center which pertain to other government agencies and units shall be continued by the said agencies and units.

SEC. 3. Section 3 of Executive Order No. 442 is hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. All other provisions of Executive Order No. 442, as amended, shall remain in force and in effect. Those provisions in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this issuance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 27th day of August, in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-One.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 480
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 474, SERIES OF 1991

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, **I, CORAZON C. AQUINO**, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Executive Order No. 474, series of 1991, is hereby amended to read as follows:

> SECTION. 1. **South Cotabato/General Santos City Area Development Project Office**. There is hereby established the South Cotabato/General Santos City Area Development Project Office, hereinafter referred to as the ADP Office, and placed under the Regional Development Council (RDC) to which the subject area belong, for purposes of coordination, supervision and direction in the implementation of the South Cotabato/General Santos City Area Development Project. The ADP Office shall be composed of a Project Board and a Project Management Unit (PMU) which shall hold office in General Santos City.

Sec. 2. The composition of Project Board under Section 2 of Executive Order No. 474 is hereby reconstituted, as follows:

The Secretary of Agriculture	Chairman
The Regional Director National Economic and Development Authority	Vice-Chairman
The Provincial Governor of South Cotabato	Member
The Mayor of General Santos City	Member
The representatives from government agencies involved in the Project	Members
Two representatives from non-government organizations (NGOs) to be designated by the Regional Development Council and the Regional Development Assembly	Members

Sec. 3. The provisions on project coordination at the regional level under Section 3 of Executive Order No. 474, s. of 1991, shall henceforth be separated as Section 4 thereof to read as follows:

> Sec. 4. **Coordination at the Regional Level**. At the regional level, the Regional Development Council shall perform the following powers and functions:
>
> (a) Ensure that the development goals and policies formulated by the Project Board are consistent with the Regional Development Plan;
> (b) Approve the multi-year and annual plans and investment programs under the Project;

(c) Endorse to the DBM the annual budget for the Project, including that for the operations of the ADP Office;
(d) Monitor and conduct periodic review of the Project with respect to achievement of targets, objectives and goals; and
(e) Perform such other functions and responsibilities as the NEDA Board may direct.

Sec. 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 16th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1991). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 481
DEVOLVING TO THE AUTONOMOUS REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION FOR MUSLIM MINDANAO CERTAIN POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OVER ITS OFFICES WITHIN THE REGION

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 133, series of 1987 mandates the Department of Trade and Industry as the primary, coordinative, facilitative and regulatory arm of the government for the country's trade and industry activities;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6734, otherwise known as an Organic Act for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao provides that the Autonomous Regional Government recognizes the private sector as the prime mover of trade, commerce and industry;

WHEREAS, the Oversight Committee created under Republic Act No. 6734 recommends that the control and supervision of the offices of the Department of Trade and Industry be placed under the Autonomous Regional Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Transfer of Powers and Functions. The powers and functions of the Department of Trade and Industry under Executive Order No. 133, series of 1987 and as enumerated hereunder are hereby transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government (ARG):

a. Plan, implement and coordinate activities of the government related to trade, industry and investments within the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao;
b. Promote, initiate or conduct the annual trade and industry development conference between the government and the private sector which would be held at the beginning of the third quarter of the budget year or as programmed by the Autonomous Regional Government;
c. Build up and maintain the trade and industry data base of the Regional Department's information system through a continuing and well coordinated program of data search and information processing; **Provided, however**, That for purposes of the national data base and official statistics, the Autonomous Regional Government shall continue gathering data based on the National Government's trade and industry data base classification system;
d. Develop and maintain an integrated computerized marketing information system for trade, industry and investments with a domestic scope; **Provided**, That there shall be a tie-up with the Department of Trade and Industry for international market information;
e. Encourage and support the formation of People's Economic Councils within the Autonomous Region as well as other trade, industry and consumer protection institutions and associations;
f. Formulate and implement programs to strengthen industries adversely affected by the economic crisis, particularly those that have a good probability of attaining financial viability;

g. Formulate plans and programs that shall encourage projects which affect dispersal of industries to the rural areas, promote manufactured goods for export, and develop small and medium scale industries;
h. Upgrade and develop the manufacture of local capital goods and precision machinery components;
i. Coordinate efforts in formulating long-term industry sectoral plans with the private sector;
j. Promote domestic trade, marketing and distributions to ensure the rational, economical and steady flow of commodities from producing and/or marketing centers to areas in short supply;
k. After due notice and hearing, establish orderly marketing arrangements for locally produced and imported manufactured goods, and for raw materials used by manufacturing and construction done within the Autonomous Region;
l. Prepare, for consideration of the Monetary Board, proposed programs in the commercial banking sector for directing commercial lending facilities towards priority areas of commercial and development, as well as coordinate government direct funding and financial guarantee programs to achieve trade and industry growth;
m. Create, in cooperation and coordination with the Regional Department of Labor and Employment, a center which shall provide assistance to the public relative to industrial relations; and
n. Issue subpoena and subpoena duces tecum to compel attendance of witnesses and the production of necessary information, papers and documents which it may deem necessary in the exercise of its powers and functions.

Furthermore, the powers and functions of the Department of Trade and Industry Regional Offices and as enumerated hereunder shall be transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government, to wit:

a. Implement rules and regulations, and the laws, policies, plans, programs and projects of the Regional Department;
b. Provide efficient and effective service to the people; and
c. Coordinate with other local government units, the regional offices of other departments and their offices and agencies.

Sec. 2. Powers and Functions Transferred with Conditions. The following powers and functions of the Department of Trade and Industry and as enumerated hereunder shall be transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government subject to certain conditions:

a. Formulate the appropriate mechanics to guide and manage the transfer of appropriate industrial technology within the region subject to national guidelines established by the Department of Trade and Industry;
b. Promote, develop, regulate and accredit repair and service enterprises in accordance with existing laws; and
c. Administratively adjudicate and impose reasonable fines and penalties for violation of existing trade and industry laws, subject to the rules and regulations established by the Department of Trade and Industry including among others, the schedule of fines and penalties for each violation.

Sec. 3. Functions Retained. Functions and powers with national implications and others which are not expressly provided for in this Executive Order shall be retained by the Department of Trade and Industry.

Sec. 4. Programs and Projects. The locally funded programs and projects being implemented by the Department of Trade and Industry within the Autonomous Region shall be transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government.

The foreign funded program being implemented by the Department of Trade and Industry and funded by the Asian Development Bank within the Autonomous Region can be the subject of a Memorandum of Agreement between the National DTI and the Regional DTI so that its transfer to the Autonomous Regional Government can be effected.

Sec. 5. Technical Assistance. The Department of Trade and Industry shall assist the Autonomous Regional Government in facilitating the performance of the latter's economic development mandate. The following DTI national bureaus may be tapped to provide support and technical assistance to the Autonomous Regional Government:

a. Bureau of Export Trade Promotion (BETP);
b. Bureau of International Trade Relations (BITR);
c. Center for Labor Relations Assistance (CLARA);
d. Bureau of Import Services (BIS);
e. Trade and Industry Information Center (TIIC);
f. Bureau of Trade Regulation and Consumer Protection (BTRCP);
g. Bureau of Small and Medium Business Development (BSMBD);
h. Bureau of Patents, Trademarks and Technology Transfer (BPTTT);
i. Foreign Trade Service Corps (FTSC);
j. Bureau of Domestic Trade Promotion (BDTP); and
k. Bureau of Product Standards (BPS).

However, in view of its national implications, the powers and functions of the Bureau of Export Trade Promotion (BETP) and the Bureau of International Trade Relations (BITR) shall be retained by the Department of Trade and Industry without prejudice to whatever bureau or office the Autonomous Regional Government shall create to coordinate with these Bureaus. The Department of Trade and Industry may create a special action team/group to ensure that the coordination on areas not allowed by law to be developed be coordinated to the fullest extent possible.

The Autonomous Regional Government may establish the appropriate organizational unit that will allow it to implement the functions devolved by the Department of Trade and Industry.

Sec. 6. Personnel. (1) All plantilla positions, filled or unfilled, assigned to the affected provincial DTI offices shall be transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government.

(2) All personnel holding these plantilla positions who are absorbed by the Autonomous Regional Government shall retain their seniority rights, compensation and other benefits.

(3) For those DTI personnel who refuse to transfer or be absorbed by the Autonomous Regional Government, the following options are open to them per Civil Service Commission Memorandum dated 01 October 1990:

a) Retirement, if eligible;
b) Remain with the line department in another region or, office subject to availability of vacant positions;

c) Transfer to another government agency; and
d) Voluntary resignation.

Sec. 7. Assets and Equipment. All assets and equipment already existing and being utilized by the Department in the Autonomous Region shall be returned over to the Autonomous Regional Government, Provided, That corporate assets and equipment of the defunct National Cottage Industries Development Authority shall be excluded from the transfer.

Sec. 8. Budget. The budgetary allocation or the balance thereof for the four provinces within the Autonomous Region for CY 1991 as of the date of transfer shall be turned over to the Autonomous Regional Government.

Sec. 9. Date of Transfer. The Department of Trade and Industry shall effect full transfer of all its functions, assets and equipment after thirty (30) days following the effectivity of this Executive Order.

Sec. 10. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Executive Order shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, any part or provision hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Sec. 11. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation and one (1) local newspaper of general circulation in the ARMM.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 24th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1991). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 482
DEVOLVING TO THE AUTONOMOUS REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION FOR MUSLIM MINDANAO THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM AND THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OVER ITS OFFICES WITHIN THE REGION

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 229, series of 1987 and Proclamation No. 131 dated July 1987 provides for the institution of a comprehensive agrarian reform program which would be in pursuance of what was envisioned in Presidential Decree No. 27 that entailed the emancipation of tenants from the bondage with the soil;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agrarian Reform is mandated by law to be the principal agency responsible for implementing the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP), as provided for in Articles XII, XIII and XVIII of the 1987 Constitution;

WHEREAS, the Oversight Committee created under Republic Act No. 6734 (RA 6734) otherwise known as the Organic Act for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao recommends that the control and supervision of the offices of the Department of Agrarian Reform be placed under the Autonomous Regional Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Transfer of Powers and Functions. All powers and functions of the Department of Agrarian Reform under Section 5 of Executive Order No. 129-A and as enumerated hereunder are hereby transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government (ARG) in the implementation of the CARP in the four (4) provinces covered by the ARMM:

a. Advise the President and the Presidential Agrarian Reform Council (PARC) on the promulgation of executive and administrative orders, other regulative issuances and legislative proposals designed to strengthen agrarian reform and protect the interest of the beneficiaries thereof;
b. Establish and promulgate operational policies, rules and regulations and priorities for agrarian reform implementation;
c. Coordinate program implementation with the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) and other relevant civilian and military government agencies mandated to support the agrarian reform program;
d. Acquire, administer, distribute, and develop agricultural lands for agrarian reform purposes;
e. Undertake surveys of lands covered by agrarian reform;
f. Issue emancipation patents to farmers and farmworkers covered by agrarian reform for both private and public lands and when necessary, make administrative corrections of the same;
g. Provide free legal service to agrarian reform beneficiaries and resolve agrarian conflicts and land tenure related problems as may be provided for by law;

h. Promote the organization and development of cooperatives and other associations of agrarian reform beneficiaries;
i. Conduct continuing education and promotion programs on agrarian reform for beneficiaries, landowners, government personnel, and the general public;
j. Institutionalize the participation of farmers, farmworkers, other beneficiaries, and agrarian reform advocates in agrarian reform policy formulation, program implementation, and evaluation;
k. Have exclusive authority to approve or disapprove conversion of agricultural lands for residential, commercial, industrial, and other land uses as may be provided for by law;
l. Call upon any government agency, including the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), and non-government organizations to extend full support and cooperation to program implementation; and
m. Exercise such other powers and functions as may be provided for by law or directed by the President, to promote efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of public services.

Sec. 2. Functions Retained. The adjudicatory functions of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) shall be retained by the Department until a Regional Agrarian Reform Law (RARL) has been enacted by the Regional Assembly.

Sec. 3. Programs and Projects. All programs and projects of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) being implemented within the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) are hereby transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government (ARG) and these shall include Land Tenure Improvement; Program Beneficiaries Development; and delivery of support services.

The management of the Special Projects Areas and the projects administered by the Special Projects Office shall be turned over to the Autonomous Regional Government (ARG).

Sec. 4. Personnel. (1) All plantilla positions, filled or unfilled, assigned to the affected provincial DAR offices shall be transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government (ARG).

(2) All personnel holding these plantilla positions who are absorbed by the Autonomous Regional Government (ARG) shall retain their seniority rights, compensation and other benefits.

(3) For those affected provincial and municipal personnel who may opt for retention with the DAR, the Department may accommodate them depending on available plantilla positions in other DAR offices. Personnel who cannot be accommodated and those who refuse to transfer or be absorbed by the Autonomous Regional Government (ARG) have three (3) options outlined by the Civil Service Commission:

a. Retirement, if eligible;
b. Seek transfer to other offices; or
c. Stay with the Autonomous Regional Government.

Sec. 5. Assets, Properties and Equipment. All assets, properties and equipment of the Department in the Autonomous Region shall be turned over to the Autonomous Regional Government (ARG). The turnover and complete inventory of such properties shall be done by the Provincial Agrarian Reform Offices, subject, however, to government accounting and auditing regulations.

Sec. 6. Budget. The budgetary allocation or the balance thereof for the four (4) provinces within the ARMM for CY 1991 as of the date of transfer shall be turned over to the Autonomous Regional Government (ARG).

Furthermore, the budget and funding of the Special Project Areas and the Special Projects Office shall be transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government (ARG).

Sec. 7. Date of Transfer. The Department of Agrarian Reform shall effect full transfer of all its functions and assets after six (6) months from the effectivity of this Executive Order or immediately upon the enactment of the Regional Agrarian Reform Law (RARL), whichever comes earlier.

During the six (6) months wherein the transfer shall be effected, there shall be the creation of a DAR-ARG Transition Committee which shall oversee the transfer and define the areas of cooperation and collaboration and the inventory and documentation of assets and manpower resources to the Autonomous Regional Government (ARG), subject to the Commission on Audit (COA) and the Civil Service Commission (CSC) regulations.

The DAR-ARG Transition Committee shall oversee the implementation of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP). The Department shall, however, retain the final authority and responsibility over its offices during the transition period. The personnel who may be assigned by the Autonomous Regional Government (ARG) shall essentially take understudy roles, to be eventually, involved in the administration and operations of the DAR offices. The Autonomous Regional Government (ARG) shall assume full responsibility for the CARP implementation after the transition period.

Sec. 8. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Executive Order shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, any part or provision hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Sec. 9. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation and one (1) local newspaper of general circulation in the ARMM.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 24th day of September, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 483
REORGANIZING THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987

WHEREAS, the President has the continuing power to reorganize the administrative structure of the Office of the President in order to achieve simplicity, economy and efficiency in the delivery of services to the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, the Administrative Code of 1987 provides an administrative structure different from that prescribed by Executive Order No. 446 dated 17 January 1991;

WHEREAS, the Administrative Code provides for a more stable and rational structure for the Office of the President and the entire bureaucracy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The administrative structure of the Office of the President is hereby reorganized in consonance with the provisions of the Administrative Code of 1987.

SEC. 2. The provisions of Sections 21, 22, and 23, Chapter 8, Title II, Book III of the Administrative Code are hereby reiterated.

SEC. 3. The Presidential Action Center (PACE), formerly the Malacañang Public Assistance Center (MPAC), shall be detached from the Presidential Management Staff and placed under the Office of the President Proper.

SEC. 4. The Cabinet Secretariat shall continue to be part of the Presidential Management Staff (PMS).

SEC. 5. The functions of the Executive Secretary prescribed by the provisions of Chapter 9, Book III of the Administrative Code are hereby reiterated.

SEC. 6. The Executive Secretary shall cause the preparation and approve the internal administrative structure, the staffing pattern and all personnel movements in the Office of the President as may be necessary for the purpose of implementing this Executive Order.

SEC. 7. The Executive Secretary is hereby authorized to issue the necessary issuances to implement this Executive Order.

SEC. 8. All provisions of previous issuances or parts thereof which are in conflict with this Executive Order are hereby modified and/or revoked accordingly.

SEC. 9. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 30th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

Reference: Organizational Structure

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1991). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 484
FURTHER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 443, AS AMENDED, BY EXEMPTING CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND SPARE PARTS IMPORTED BY FIRMS ENGAGED IN PREFERRED AREAS OF ACTIVITY WHOSE PROJECTS WERE REGISTERED WITH THE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 2, 1991 FROM THE ADDITIONAL DUTY OF FIVE PERCENT AD VALOREM

WHEREAS, under Executive Order No. 443 dated January 3, 1991, as amended by Executive Order No. 475 dated August 15, 1991, an additional duty of five percent (5%) ad valorem is imposed on all imported articles, subject to certain exceptions and conditions;

WHEREAS, importations made by firms engaged in preferred areas of activity, whose projects were registered with the Board of Investment on or before January 2, 1991, are subject to the said additional ad valorem duty;

WHEREAS, firms engaged in preferred areas of activity, whose projects were registered with the Board of Investments on or before January 2, 1991, have been adversely affected by the imposition of the additional ad valorem duty considering that this additional cost was not taken into account in the preparation of their projections;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that firms engaged in preferred areas of activity, whose projects were registered with the Board of Investments before January 2, 1991, be exempt from the additional duty of five percent (5%) ad valorem;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Executive Order No. 443, as amended by Executive Order No. 475, Series of 1991, is hereby amended by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

> "(h) Effective November 1, 1991, capital equipment and spare parts imported by firms engaged in preferred areas of activity whose projects were registered with the Board of Investments on or before January 2, 1991."

SEC. 2. All other provisions of aforesaid Executive Order No. 443, as amended, and all rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto, not inconsistent with this Executive Order, shall remain valid and effective.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect after two (2) days following the completion of its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation and shall remain effective unless sooner revoked or modified.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 18th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 485
FURTHER EXTENDING THE OPERATIONAL EXISTENCE OF THE CENTRAL VISAYAS REGIONAL PROJECTS OFFICE (CVRPO) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Central Visayas Regional Project Office needs additional time to ensure the continuing adoption of community-based resource management techniques in all the municipalities of Region VII;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 362, series of 1989, extended the life of the Central Visayas Regional Projects Office (CVRPO) to December 31, 1991 for the completion of on-going World Bank-assisted projects under WB Loan No. 2360-PH;

WHEREAS, the Central Visayas Regional Development Council, through Resolution No. 03, series of 1991, has requested the President for the further extension of the operational existence of the Central Visayas Regional Projects Office to ensure the completion of all its projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The operational existence of the Central Visayas Regional Projects Office (CVRPO) created under Executive Order No. 907, series of 1983, is hereby further extended until December 31, 1992 for the following purposes:

(1) Completion of the remaining activities as approved for World Bank funding;
(2) Phasing-in of the local government units and the regular line agencies towards sustaining the CVRPO's accomplishments beyond the loan closing date; and
(3) Completion of all winding-up activities.

SEC. 2. Subject to organizational management and budgetary and accounting guidelines as may be promulgated, the Central Visayas Regional Projects Board shall continue to perform its powers and responsibilities in accordance with the applicable provisions of Executive Order 907, series of 1983, and Executive Orders Nos. 362 and 363, series of 1989.

SEC. 3. The Regional Development Council of Region VII and the CVR Projects Board shall insure that all terms and conditions embodied in the Loan Agreement (World Bank Loan 2360-PH) are strictly complied with.

SEC. 4. After the completion of the remaining projects and the winding-up activities, the remaining funds or appropriations, if any, as well as the properties, assets, records and equipment of the Central Visayas Regional Projects Office (CVRPO) shall be transferred to the Central Visayas Regional Development Council.

SEC. 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 31st day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 486
ESTABLISHING A PERFORMANCE-BASED INCENTIVE SYSTEM
FOR GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, in line with the Reform Program for Government Corporation, the Government, through the Government Corporate Monitoring and Coordinating Committee (GCMCC), seeks to improve the financial and operating efficiency and effectiveness of government-owned or controlled corporations (GOCCs);

WHEREAS, the establishment, development and implementation of an effective Performance Evaluation System as provided under Executive Order No. 236 dated 22 July 1987 constitute one of the most important elements of the Reform Program;

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish a well-designed incentive system to complement the exemplary performance of GOCCs bases on the Performance Evaluation System; and

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 985, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 1597 and Republic Act No. 6758, authorizes the Department of Budget and Management to review on a continuing basis and to prepare, for the consideration and approval of the President, policies and levels of allowances and other fringe benefits applicable to government personnel;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. **Purpose**. There is hereby established an incentive system for the government-owned or controlled corporations (GOCCs) which shall be directly linked to their level of performance and which shall encourage and recognize outstanding performance and accomplishments with varying incentives. The incentives shall complement the performance evaluation system herein established pursuant to existing policy.

SEC. 2. **Performance Evaluation System**. For purposes of this Executive Order, the Performance Evaluation System (PES) shall refer to the process of appraising the accomplishments of GOCCs in a given year based on pre-agreed performance criteria and targets between the latter and the Government Corporate Monitoring and Coordinating Committee (GCMCC) and using weights to grade the overall performance of the GOCCs. The system shall be established and administered by the GCMCC pursuant to Executive Order No. 236, the Guidelines to Implement Executive Order No. 236 and Administrative Order No. 59, series of 1988.

SEC. 3. **Coverage**. The performance-based incentive system shall immediately apply to all GOCCs that are being monitored by the GCMCC under the Performance Evaluation System as approved by the President of the Philippines at the time of the effectivity of this Executive Order. Thereafter, other GOCCs shall be covered by the incentive System upon the establishment of the Performance Evaluation System in the particular GOCC.

SEC. 4. **Incentive System**. There is hereby established an Incentive System to be administered by the GCMCC. The incentives shall include awards to a GOCC as an institution and to its officers and employees in recognition of their contribution to the attainment of the GOCC's goals and targets.

The incentives and rewards may be any of the following:

a. **Presidential Citations**. – These shall be granted to GOCCs for their outstanding performance vis-a-vis the pre-agreed criteria and targets. In the case of employees, they may vie for the awards for outstanding public service given by the President and the Civil Service Commission under Executive Orders Nos. 334, series of 1988, and 292, series of 1987.

b. **Less restrictive regulations imposed by service-wide government agencies**. – In this regard, the said agencies are directed to submit to the GCMCC the areas of flexibility in operations which may be granted to GOCCs as incentives for continued outstanding performance.

c. **Corporate Incentives Awards**. Depending on the degree of performance, GOCCs shall be authorized to allocate an amount equivalent to a percentage of the total basic salaries of authorized and filled positions as an incentive fund. The percentages authorized for each GOCC shall be as follows:

GOCC Performance Grade	Maximum Incentive Fund
A (Outstanding)	10 percent
B (Very Satisfactory)	6 percent
C (Satisfactory)	4 percent

The above incentive fund shall be the source for rewards, either in kind or in cash bonuses, to be granted by GOCCs only to deserving officers and employees based on an evaluation of their individual performance and relative contribution to the attainment of the corporation's goals and targets. Said system for evaluating the employees' performance shall be consistent with the pertinent policies and guidelines issued by the Civil Service Commission. The maximum allowable amount of incentive bonus for a GOCC officer or employee shall vary according to the performance grade of the GOCC and to his individual performance but shall in no case exceed three (3) months basic salary or its equivalent.

Each eligible GOCC shall prepare a program for the disposition of the incentive fund to deserving officers and employees, subject to the guidelines to be issued jointly by the GCMCC and the DBM upon the recommendation of an Inter-Agency Committee.

This Inter-Agency Committee is hereby created to be composed of representatives, with the rank of Director, from the Government Corporate Monitoring and Coordinating Committee, the Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission.

Funding for the implementation of the corporate incentive awards authorized herein shall be provided in the succeeding budget of the respective GOCCs following the year performance criteria and targets are negotiated and agreed upon with the GCMCC.

The GCMCC, upon the recommendation of the Inter-Agency Committee, may introduce modifications or additional forms of incentives, subject to the approval by the President of the Philippines.

SEC. 5. **Discontinuance of Other Performance-Based Monetary Incentives**. All other performance-related monetary incentives inconsistent with or not herein provided but presently practiced in GOCCs covered under Section 3 hereof shall be discontinued unless specifically authorized by law.

SEC. 6. **Restriction**. Incentive awards shall be granted only to GOCC officers and employees appointed to regular plantilla positions.

SEC. 7. **Implementing Guidelines**. The guidelines for the implementation of this Executive Order shall be issued by the GCMCC and the Department of Budget and Management within sixty (60) working days from the effectivity thereof.

SEC. 8. **Applicability**. The Incentive System as established under this Executive Order shall be implemented starting with the evaluation of the performance of GOCCs for Calendar Year 1991.

SEC. 9. **Amendatory Effect**. All orders, circulars, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. **Effectivity**. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 8th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 487
CONSTITUTING A PHILIPPINE CLAIMS AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE FOR THE REPARATION FOR DAMAGES, DEATHS, INJURIES, AND LOSSES SUFFERED BY INDIVIDUALS, COMPANIES AND GOVERNMENT AS A RESULT OF THE IRAQI INVASION OF KUWAIT

WHEREAS, the United Nations Security Council adopted Resolution No. 687 (1991) holding Iraq liable under international law for any direct loss, damage, or injury to foreign Governments, nationals and corporations for its invasion of Kuwait, and authorized the creation of a fund to pay compensation claims;

WHEREAS, the Security Council further adopted Resolution No. 692 (1991) which formally established the United Nations Compensation Commission (UNCC) to be administered by a Governing Council based in Geneva;

WHEREAS, in the light of the above developments, there is an urgent need for the Philippine Government to establish a body that shall undertake information dissemination; accept, verify and process all claims/applications by any Filipino contract worker or company or agency; and submit the same to the said U.N. Compensation Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. There is hereby constituted a Philippine Claims and Compensation Committee, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, composed of the following:

Secretary of Foreign Affairs	Chairman
Secretary of Labor and Employment	Vice-Chairman
Secretary of Justice	Member
Governor of the Central Bank of the Philippines	Member
Director General Philippine Information Agency	Member

SEC. 2. The Committee shall have the following functions and responsibilities for the reparation for damages, deaths, injuries and losses suffered by individuals, companies and government as a result of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait:

a. Disseminate information on the guidelines, rules and regulations on the filing of claims for compensation;
b. Distribute United Nations Compensation Commission claim forms to Filipino nationals, corporations, and government agencies and assist in the preparation thereof;
c. Receive, verify, process and consolidate all claims;
d. Submit to and follow-up with the United Nations Compensation Commission all duly processed claims/applications; and

d. Accept and receive on behalf of all Philippine claimants, all payments approved by the United Nations Commission and ensure immediate transmittal/distribution to claimants, their assignees or successors-in-interest.

The Committee shall be assisted by a Secretariat to be staffed, on a full-time basis, by personnel from the member agencies. The Committee shall determine the location of the Secretariat's office.

SEC. 3. The amount of Two Million Pesos (P2,000,000.00) for the operations of the Committee and its Secretariat shall be charged against the Contingency Fund or any other appropriate lump sum fund in the 1991 General Appropriations Act as may be determined by the Department of Budget and Management, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SEC. 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila this 21st day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1991). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 488
CONSTITUTING THE PRESIDENTIAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
ON THE PRAWN INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, the prawn industry has become a major foreign exchange earner for the country;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to unite all sectors of the Philippine prawn industry for it to remain competitive in the world market; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Government and the private sector to work together in active partnership to realize the full potential of the industry;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. There is hereby constituted a Presidential Coordinating Committee on the Prawn Industry, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, composed of the following:

a.	Secretary, Department of Agriculture	-	Chairman
b.	Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry	-	Member
c.	Secretary, Department of Science and Technology	-	Member
d.	Secretary, Department of Finance	-	Member
e.	Chief, Aquaculture Department, South East Asian Fisheries Development Center	-	Member
f.	President, Philippine Federation of Prawn Growers, Incorporated	-	Member
g.	President, Hatchery Operators Association of the Philippines	-	Member
h.	President, Feed Millers Association of the Philippines, Incorporated	-	Member
i.	President, Shrimp Exporters of the Philippines, Incorporated	-	Member

Any member of the Committee may designate a duly authorized representative to attend committee meetings and other activities in his behalf.

SEC. 2. The Committee shall coordinate all efforts to develop and support the national prawn industry. The Committee shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

a. Recommend directions, programs and strategies for the industry in the areas of research, training, financing, production, processing and marketing;
b. Recommend an appropriate mechanism that will provide the industry with timely market and other relevant information;
c. Provide the forum for discussion of issues and concerns affecting the industry and recommend measures on such matters;
d. Identify possible sources of funding to finance programs and projects that will contribute to the growth of the industry; and
e. Assist in the generation and dissemination of pertinent information for the industry and the general public.

SEC. 3. The Committee may call upon other departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the Government to provide assistance in the performance of its functions and discharge of its responsibilities.

SEC. 4. The Philippine Federation of Prawn Growers, Incorporated (PFPG) shall provide the secretariat support to the Committee.

SEC. 5. The Committee shall submit to the President regularly on a quarterly basis a report of its activities and accomplishments.

SEC. 6. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Bacolod, this 22nd day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 489
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

WHEREAS, it is the policy-thrust of the Government to safeguard and make the environment conducive to the improvement and maintenance of the health of the people throughout the country;

WHEREAS, the Cabinet had taken steps towards this direction by creating the Inter-Agency Committee on Environmental Health under Cabinet Resolution No. 3, series of 1987;

WHEREAS, there is a need to institutionalize the Inter-Agency Committee on Environmental Health to make it more effective and efficient in the discharge of its functions and responsibilities as well as responsive to the demands of the times; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to strengthen the said Inter-Agency Committee to better protect the health of the people from the growing health problems related to environmental degradation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Inter-Agency Committee on Environmental Health, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, is hereby reconstituted and institutionalized and shall be composed of the following:

a.	Secretary of Health	-	Chairman
b.	Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources	-	Vice Chairman
c.	Secretary of Public Works and Highways	-	Member
d.	Secretary of the Interior and Local Government	-	Member
e.	Secretary of Agriculture	-	Member
f.	Secretary of Trade and Industry	-	Member
g.	Secretary of Transportation and Communications	-	Member
h.	Secretary of Science and Technology	-	Member
i.	Secretary of Labor and Employment	-	Member
j.	Director General, National Economic and Development Authority	-	Member
k.	Director General, Philippine Information Agency	-	Member

SEC. 2. The Committee shall perform the following functions and responsibilities:

a. Formulate policies, promulgate guidelines and develop programs for environmental health protection;

b. Coordinate, monitor and evaluate environmental health programs and development projects initiated by the Government and private agencies to achieve environmental protection for health promotion;

c. Undertake information dissemination and education campaigns on environmental health programs to create greater awareness on environmental health control measures;

d. Coordinate in, assist and/or support the conduct of researches and relevant activities for environmental maintenance and protection; and

e. Perform such other tasks as may be necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this Executive Order and the purpose for which the Committee had been established.

SEC. 3. The Committee shall promulgate the necessary implementing guidelines for the accomplishment of the objectives of this Executive Order.

SEC. 4. The Committee is hereby authorized to call on and mobilize any government agency or instrumentality, including local government units and government-owned or controlled corporations and also non-governmental agencies or institutions, for support and assistance in the implementation of this Executive Order.

SEC. 5. The Committee shall be assisted by a Secretariat to be headed by the Director of the Environmental Health Service, Office for Public Health Services, Department of Health.

SEC. 6. The amount of One Million Pesos is hereby allotted out of the emergency funds of the Office of the President for 1992 to carry out the provisions of this Executive Order. Thereafter, the subsequent budget shall be incorporated in the General Appropriations Act under the operating expenses of the Office for Public Health Services, Department of Health.

SEC. 7. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 490
TRANSFERRING THE COMMISSION ON FILIPINOS OVERSEAS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

WHEREAS, the Commission on Filipinos Overseas was created under the Office of the President pursuant to Batas Pambansa Blg. 79, approved on June 16, 1980;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Filipinos Overseas was transferred from the Office of the President to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs pursuant to Executive Order No. 708, dated July 27, 1981;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Filipinos Overseas was retained directly under the supervision of the Office of the President pursuant to Executive Order No. 728, dated September 12, 1981;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer the Commission on Filipinos Overseas from the Office of the President to the Department of Foreign Affairs;

WHEREAS, the President of the Philippines has continuing authority to reorganize the administrative structure of the Office of the President by, among others, transferring any agency from the Office of the President to any other Department or Agency of the Government pursuant to Book III, Title III, Chapter 10, Section 31, of the 1987 Administrative Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the power vested in me under Book III, Title III, Chapter 31, of the 1987 Administrative Code, do hereby transfer the Commission on Filipinos Overseas from the Office of the President to the Department of Foreign Affairs.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 26th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Museum and Library**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1991). *Official Gazette of the Republic of the Philippines, 88(3), 251.*

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 491
REQUIRING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS IN METROPOLITAN MANILA TO USE PRESCRIBED PLASTIC BAGS IN DISPOSING GARBAGE AND OTHER WASTE MATERIAL

Whereas, it is the concern of our society to keep and maintain a clean and healthy environment in Metropolitan Manila;

Whereas, to attain this objective, it is desirable that all government agencies, including government-owned and controlled corporations, in Metropolitan Manila take the lead in this endeavor;

Whereas, to effect this, government agencies and government-owned and controlled corporations must ensure that garbage and other waste material are properly disposed of by using prescribed disposable plastic bags.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and by law, do hereby order and direct that:

SECTION 1. All government agencies, including government-owned and controlled corporations, in Metro Manila shall clean their own surroundings and use the prescribed plastic bags in disposing their garbage and other waste material.

SECTION 2. The Metropolitan Manila Authority shall issue the implementing rules and guidelines for the effective implementation of this Executive Order.

SECTION 3. All orders, circulars, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 28th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 492
TRANSFORMING THE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CORPORATION INTO A REGULAR GOVERNMENT AGENCY TO BE KNOWN AS THE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Instructional Materials Corporation was created as a government-owned corporation pursuant to Executive Order No. 806, series of 1982, to implement a "financially viable program for the development, production and distribution of textbooks and other materials, both print and non-print, to meet the needs of public elementary and secondary schools;"

WHEREAS, consistent with the Government's Corporate Rationalization Program, the regularization of the Instructional Materials Corporation was finally approved by the President on 24 May 1988 upon the recommendation of the Department of Budget and Management in accordance with the latter's mandate under Executive Order No. 5, series of 1986, and Executive Order No. 165, series of 1987;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Justice, in Opinion No. 210, series of 1988, states that "the President may, in the implementation of the privatization program of the Government, amend or repeal the charters of government-owned or controlled corporations pursuant to her delegated legislative authority under Section 22 of Proclamation No. 50, which remains to be operative until it is amended, repealed or revoked by Congress (Sec. 3, Art. XVIII, Constitution);" and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Justice, in Opinion No. 43, series of 1990, further states that "the President may amend the charters of GOCCs xxx identified for privatization to effect mergers or consolidations pending final disposition of such GOCCs to the private sector, xxx if such disposition action will enhance the implementation of the privatization program of the government;" that the President may likewise amend the charters of GOCCS recommended for regularization into regular line agencies so as to terminate their corporate existence; and that such "disposition action is also deemed consistent with the government's privatization program in that the regularization of certain GOCCs into regular line agencies would give effect to the government's policy to accord primacy to the private sector in entrepreneurial endeavors and relegate the government to a secondary role;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. - It is the declared policy of the State to pursue a continuing program to promote and maintain the quality standards in the country's education system. In line with this policy, the establishment of a regular government agency is necessary to implement a financially viable program for the development, production and distribution of textbooks and other instructional materials, both print and non-print, to meet the needs of public elementary and secondary schools.

SEC. 2. Regularization. - The Instructional Materials Corporation is hereby transformed into a regular government agency to be known as the Instructional Materials Development Center, hereinafter referred to as the Center, which shall be attached to the Department of Education, Culture and Sports pursuant to Administrative Order No. 59, series of 1986.

SEC. 3. Purposes and Objectives.- The Center shall have the following purposes and objectives:

a. Promote the integration and rationalization of the development and production, utilization and distribution of instructional materials, such as textbooks, supplementary and reference books, teaching devices, laboratory and science instruments and audio-visual equipment, to adequately meet the needs of public elementary and secondary schools;

b. Enhance the maximum utilization of other instructional materials using audio-visual and instructional technology or programmed self-instructional units;

c. Encourage the development of appropriate textbooks and other instructional materials for the various curricula in public elementary and secondary schools; and

d. Provide the Department of Education, Culture and Sports the requirements for textbooks and other instructional materials.

SEC. 4. Powers and Functions of the Center. - The Center shall have the following powers and functions:

a. Conduct operations for which it has been lawfully organized and exercise such powers and perform such acts as are directly or indirectly necessary for the attainment of its purposes and objectives;

b. Own, lease, mortgage, encumber or otherwise dispose of real and personal property as the attainment of its purposes and objectives may reasonably permit and the conduct of its lawful operations may necessarily require;

c. Enter into any obligation or contract essential to the proper administration of its affairs, the conduct of its operations or the accomplishment of its purposes and objectives;

d. Formulate policies and programs necessary for the attainment of its purposes and objectives which are not contrary to law, morals or public interest, and amend or repeal the same whenever necessary;

e. Initiate, formulate and adopt a general plan, based on established policies and priorities for the development, production, utilization and distribution of instructional materials, such as textbooks, supplementary and reference books, teaching devices, laboratory and science instruments and audio-visual equipment, to adequately meet the needs of public elementary and secondary schools;

f. Formulate policy recommendations and standards governing textbooks and instructional materials for the adoption of the Instructional Materials Council;

g. Prepare long and short range instructional materials production and procurement programs indicating the availability, quality and quantity, the capacity of local production units, the production costs and price, and the allocation requirements of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports for instructional materials;

h. Undertake the writing of or commission private individuals or organizations to write textbooks and other instructional materials for the various curricula of public elementary and secondary education;

i. Publish and print or cause the publication and printing by contract the prescribed textbooks and other instructional materials;

j. Distribute and dispose textbooks and other instructional materials produced for the Department of Education, Culture and Sports and sell the surplus to other interested government and private entities at reasonable prices;

k. Engage in warehousing, sales and distribution operations;

l. Charge royalties in accordance with applicable laws on the reprinting of textbooks and other instructional materials produced by the Center, other government entities and the private sector; and

m. Provide the Instructional Materials Council with the necessary technical assistance and support.

SEC. 5. Governing Board; Composition: Powers and Functions. - The Center shall have a Governing Board which shall be composed of the Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports as *ex-officio* Chairman, the Administrator of the Center and a representative of the Office of the President to be designated by the President of the Philippines as *ex-officio* members, and two other members who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines for a term of four (4) years: Provided, That the tenure of the members first appointed shall be as follows: one for four (4) years and the other for two (2) years as fixed in their respective appointments.

The members of the Governing Board shall serve and continue to hold office until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified. Should a member of the Governing Board fail to complete his term, his successor shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines but only for the unexpired portion of the term.

The Governing Board shall be responsible for the formulation and adoption of substantive and operational policies for the guidance and implementation of the management staff of the Center.

The Governing Board shall have the following powers and functions:

a. Formulate policies necessary for the attainment of the purposes and objectives provided in Section 3 hereof and exercise all the powers and functions of the Center prescribed by Section 4 hereof in order to implement such policies and accomplish such purposes and objectives;

b. Adopt and promulgate rules and regulations governing the manner in which the general affairs of the Center are to be exercised and amend, repeal and modify such rules and regulations whenever necessary;

c. Determine the organizational structure of the Center and create, abolish, merge or otherwise reorganize positions therein as may be necessary for the economical, effective and efficient discharge of its functions and responsibilities, subject to the approval of the Department of Budget and Management;

d. Approve, with the concurrence of the Department of Budget and Management, the annual and supplemental budgets submitted to it by the Administrator;

e. Adopt rules and procedures and fix the time and place for holding meetings: Provided, That at least one regular meeting shall be held monthly; and

f. Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be required by law or assigned by the Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports for the efficient and effective implementation of this Executive Order.

The members of the Governing Board, except the Chairman, shall receive per diems as may be authorized for every meeting actually attended and subject to pertinent laws, rules and regulations.

SEC. 6. Management of the Center. - The authority and responsibility for the day-to-day management and direction of the operations and affairs of the Center shall be vested in an Administrator who shall be its chief executive officer. The Administrator shall be assisted by an Assistant Administrator. Both the Administrator and the Assistant Administrator shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines.

The Administrator shall have the following powers and functions:

a. Execute, administer and implement the policies and measures approved by the Governing Board;

b. Direct and manage the affairs and operations of the Center;

c. Submit within thirty (30) days after the close of every calendar year an annual report to the Governing Board and such other reports it may require;

d. Submit an annual budget and such supplemental budgets as may be necessary to the Governing Board for its consideration and approval;

e. Represent the Center in all transactions with other offices, agencies and instrumentalities of government and with all persons and other entities, public or private, domestic or foreign;

f. Appoint, subject to the confirmation of the Governing Board, and discipline for cause in accordance with Civil Service laws, rules and regulations, the Center's officers and personnel below the level of Assistant Administrator;

g. Delegate in writing authority, as may be necessary, to subordinate officers and personnel of the Center; and

h. Perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Governing Board, which, according to its sound discretion, are necessary for the efficient and effective implementation this Executive Order.

The Assistant Administrator shall have the following powers and functions:

a. Assist the Administrator in the discharge of his powers and performance of his functions;

b. Act as Administrator during the Administrator's absence, sickness or other temporary disability to act as such; and

c. Discharge such other powers and perform such other functions as may be required by the Administrator or the Governing Board.

SEC. 7. Coordination with the Instructional Materials Council. - The Center shall maintain close liaison and coordination with the Instructional Materials Council and, for this purpose, the Administrator or his duly authorized representative shall be an *ex-officio* member of the said Council.

SEC. 8. Interim Period. - The General Manager of the Instructional Materials Corporation shall be the Officer-in-Charge of the Center while the present members of the Board of Directors shall serve as the temporary Governing Board of the Center pending the formal activation of the Center by the appointment of the Administrator and the members of the Governing Board by the President of the Philippines.

The appropriations of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports for the development and production of textbooks and related instructional materials and activities in the current General Appropriations Act, including those already remitted to the Instructional Materials Corporation as advance payments, shall be transferred to the Center as determined by the Department of Budget and Management.

The Center shall have no revolving fund and, except donations, grants, legacies, devises and other similar acquisitions, its income, regardless as to the manner acquired and in whatever form, whether as profits, fees, charges, surcharges, penalties or otherwise, shall form part of the General Fund. The operations of the Center shall be funded under the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 9. Personnel and Organizational Policies. - Upon the regularization of the instructional Materials Corporation, its officers and employees shall, in a holdover capacity, continue to perform their respective duties and responsibilities and receive their corresponding salaries and benefits unless

in the meantime they are separated or retired from the service pursuant to existing laws, rules and regulations.

The Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports, upon the recommendation of the Administrator, shall submit the necessary organizational structure for the Center to the Secretary of Budget and Management within one hundred and twenty (120) days from the approval of this Executive Order: Provided, That incumbents of the Instructional Materials Corporation shall have priority for appointment to the same or comparable positions in the Center: Provided, further, That the said incumbents shall have the option to be considered separated or to retire from the service whenever such option is available to them under existing laws, rules and regulations. Those incumbents of the Instructional Materials Corporation whose positions are not among those positions of the Center or who are not reappointed shall be deemed separated from the service. Those who are separated or who retire from the service shall receive the benefits they may be entitled to under existing laws, rules and regulations.

SEC. 10. Periodic Performance Evaluation. - The Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports shall formulate and enforce a system of appraising and evaluating periodically and objectively the performance of the Center.

SEC. 11. Transfer of Records and Others. - The records, equipment, facilities, choses in action, rights, other assets and personnel of the Instructional Materials Corporation are hereby transferred to the Center for the proper accomplishment of the objectives of this Executive Order. The appropriations and funds of the Corporation, if any, shall revert to the General Fund after reserving the amount necessary to pay the benefits of those separated or retired from the service under Section 9 hereof: Provided, That if the appropriations and funds of the Corporation are not sufficient to pay such benefits, the deficiency shall be satisfied from the savings of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports. Its remaining assets, if any, shall be allocated to the appropriate units of the Government as the Office of the President shall determine or shall otherwise be disposed of in accordance with the Government Auditing Code of the Philippines and other pertinent laws, rules and regulations. Its liabilities, if any, shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Code of the Philippines on concurrence and preference of credits.

SEC. 12. Implementing Authority. - The Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports shall promulgate such rules, regulations and other issuance as may be necessary to ensure the efficient and effective implementation of this Executive Order.

SEC. 13. Applicability of References to the Center. - All references to the Instructional Materials Corporation under existing laws, rules and regulations and other administrative issuances, as may still be valid and applicable and insofar as consistent with the provisions of this Executive Order shall henceforth be deemed as reference to the Center.

SEC. 14. Notice or Consent Requirements. - If any reorganizational change authorize in this Executive Order is of such substance or materiality as to prejudice third persons with rights recognized by law or contract such that notice to or consent of creditors is required to be made or obtained pursuant to any agreement entered into with any such creditors, such notice or consent requirements shall be complied with prior to the implementation of such reorganizational change.

SEC. 15. Separability. - Any portion or provision of this Executive Order that may subsequently be declared unconstitutional or valid shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or provisions hereof as long as such remaining positions or provisions can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

SEC. 16. Repeal. - Executive Order No. 806, series of 1982, and Letter of Instructions, Nos. 1462, series of 1985, and 1463, series of 1985, are hereby repealed. All other laws, rules, regulations and

other administrative issuances or provisions thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 17. Effectivity. - This Executive Order shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation or in the Official Gazette.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 29th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF TH PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 493
REMOVING RED TAPE AND REDUCING CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERISLAND VESSELS

WHEREAS, the Interisland shipping industry is one of the most regulated industries by the government involving no less than fifteen (15) government agencies, eight (8) requiring various clearances for every arrival or departure of a domestic vessel;

WHEREAS, such multiplicity of government actions were found to be overlapping, redundant and superficial, resulting not only in additional government expenditures but also in operational inefficiency and unnecessary costs to interisland shipowners and operators;

WHEREAS, some of said clearances regulatory procedures required by the various government agencies concerned are apparently mandated by laws/regulations but the need and the frequency required for them serve no practical purpose for the agencies exercising them;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to expedite and streamline the entrance and departure clearance requirements for domestic vessels and, where practicable, to limit the clearance functions of the various government agencies to a single agency involved in port operations;

WHEREAS, during its meetings on May 15, 1991, NEDA BOARD approved the removal of Customs and Quarantine Clearances, as well as other red tape, in the interisland vessel operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

1. Pending amendments, if need be, to the Charters or laws governing various government agencies that require appropriate clearances from the domestic vessels, the heads of said government agencies and their respective Department Secretaries are hereby directed to deputize or to delegate to the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) their respective functions with respect to the issuance of appropriate clearances for every departure or arrival of domestic vessels.
2. The Coasting and Passenger Manifests required for all domestic vessels shall be reduced to three (3) copies, instead of seven (7), and shall henceforth be submitted to the PPA. All agencies concerned requiring copies of said manifests for their own use shall secure the same from PPA.
3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 3rd day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 494
REORGANIZING CERTAIN GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, consistent with the Government's Corporate Rationalization Program and upon the recommendation of the Department of Budget and Management pursuant its mandate under Executive Order No. 5, series of 1986, and Executive Order No. 165, series of 1987, the reorganization of the following government-owned or controlled corporations should be effected: (1) the Metals Industry Research and Development Center; (2) the Fiber Industry Development Authority; (3) the National Post-Harvest Institute for Research and Extension; (4) the Philippine Coconut Authority; (5) the Music Promotion Foundation of the Philippines; and (6) the National Social Action Council;

WHEREAS, Section 48 of the General Provisions, Republic Act No. 7078, otherwise known as the General Appropriations Act FY 1991, provided the following:

"Scaling Down and Phase-Out of Activities of Agencies within the Executive Branch. - The heads of departments, bureaus, offices and agencies are hereby directed to identify their respective activities which are no longer essential in the delivery of public services and which may be scaled down, phased-out or abolished, subject to civil service rules and regulations. Said activities shall be reported to the Office of the President through the Department of Budget and Management and to the Chairman, Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Chairman, Committee on Finance of the Senate. Actual scaling down, phase-out or abolition of the activities shall be effected pursuant to circulars or orders issued for the purpose by the Office of the President.

"Savings generated by departments, bureaus, offices and agencies on the abolition, phase-out or scaling down of unnecessary activities may be used by the departments, bureaus, offices and agencies concerned for the augmentation of their respective programs, projects and activities."

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Justice, in Opinion No. 210, series of 1988, states that, "the President may, in the implementation of the privatization program of the government, amend or repeal the charters of government-owned or controlled corporations pursuant to her delegated legislative authority under SEC 22 of Proclamation No. 50, which remains to be operative until it is amended, repealed or revoked by Congress (Sec. 3, Art. XVIII, Constitution);

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Justice, in Opinion No. 43, Series of 1990, further states that the President may amend the charters of GOCCs which have been identified for privatization to effect mergers or consolidations pending final disposition of such GOCCs to the private sector "if such disposition action will enhance the implementation of the privatization program of the government; and, considering that privatization program aims to generate maximum cash recovery for the National Government, the "rehabilitation of GOCCs through merger or consolidation of certain GOCCs identified for privatization, to ensure maximum cash recovery for the government would certainly be in furtherance of the government's privatization program;" and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Justice, in the same opinion, also states that "[I]n the case of GOCCs which are recommended for regularization into regular line agencies, xxx the President may likewise

amend the charters of such GOCCs so as to terminate their corporate existence. Such disposition action is also deemed consistent with the government's privatization program in that the regularization of certain GOCCs into regular line agencies would give effect to the government's policy to accord primacy to the private sector in entrepreneurial endeavors and relegate the government to a secondary role."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Definition of Terms. - For purposes of this Executive Order:

a. Regularization shall refer to the process by which a government-owned or controlled corporations is transformed into (1) a regular government agency with essentially the same objectives, powers and functions, except those which are corporate in nature, and is attached to a department in the Executive Branch; or (2) a unit which is integral to an existing agency or executive department and with essentially the same objectives, powers and functions, except those which are corporate in nature;

b. Conversion shall refer to a variant of the divestment process by which, for the purpose of privatization, a government-owned or controlled corporation is dissolved but exclusive authority is granted to the management thereof to form a new and private corporation through registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission, with the same corporate name and essentially the same objectives, powers and functions but without government funding, except that existing assets of the dissolved corporation may be donated to the new corporation; and

c. Consolidation refers to the process by which a government-owned or controlled corporation loses its legal personality and its objectives, powers and functions, assets, liabilities as well as necessary personnel are integrated into another government-owned or controlled corporations.

SEC. 2. Regularization. - The following government-owned or controlled corporations are hereby regularized:

a. Metals Industry Research and Development Center;
b. Fiber Industry Development Authority;
c. National Post-Harvest Institute for Research and Extension; and
d. Philippine Coconut Authority.

SEC. 3. Incomes of Regularized Corporations. - Except for donations, grants, legacies, devises and similar acquisitions, incomes of government-owned or controlled corporations which are regularized, regardless of the manner of acquisition and of whatever form, whether as profits, fees, charges, penalties or otherwise, shall form part of the General Fund. After regulations, the operations of the regularized corporations shall be funded under the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. Consolidation. - The Music Promotion Foundation of the Philippines is hereby consolidated with the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

SEC. 5. Conversion. - The National Social Action Council is hereby made subject to conversion.

SEC. 6. Details of Dispositive Actions. - The details of the dispositive actions of regularization, consolidation and conversion as provided in the preceding sections are prescribed in Annexes "A" to "F" attached hereto. These annexes shall form integral parts of this Executive Order.

SEC. 7. Notice or Consent Requirement. - If any reorganizational change authorized in this Executive Order or in any of the Annexes attached hereto is of such substance or materiality as to prejudice third persons with rights recognized by law or contract such that notice to or consent of creditors is required to be made or obtained pursuant to any agreement entered into with any of such creditors, such notice or consent requirement shall be complied with prior to the implementation of such reorganizational change.

SEC. 8. Separability. - If for any reason any section or provision of this Executive Order or of its Annexes is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this Executive Order and its Annexes shall not be affected as long as such remaining sections or provisions can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

SEC. 9. Repeal. - The following laws, presidential decrees and executive issuances are hereby repealed or modified accordingly;

a. Republic Act Nos. 4724 and 6428, Executive Order No. 602, series of 1980, and Presidential Decree No. 1765, series of 1981, concerning the Metals Industry Research and Development Center;

b. Section 8 of Executive Order No. 709, series of 1981, concerning the Fiber Industry Development Authority;

c. Presidential Decree No. 1380, series of 1978, and Letter of Implementation No. 123, series of 1980, and Letter of Instructions No. 1142, series of 1982, concerning the National Post-Harvest Institute for Research and Extension;

d. Presidential Decree No. 232, series of 1973, and Presidential Decree No. 961, series of 1976, and Article II of Presidential Decree No. 1468, series of 1978, concerning the Philippine Coconut Authority;

e. Executive Order No. 182-A, series of 1969, and Presidential Decree No. 294, series of 1974, concerning the National Social Action Council; and

f. Republic Act No. 1370, except section 3 thereof, concerning the Music Promotion Foundation.

All other laws, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent herewith are likewise hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. Effectivity. - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately after fifteen (15) days following its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation or in the Official Gazette.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 6th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

References: Annexes "A", "B", "C", "D", "E", and "F"

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1991). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 495
CONVERTING THE PHILIPPINE SHIPPERS' COUNCIL, THE BOY SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES INTO PRIVATE CORPORATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, consistent with the Government's Corporate Rationalization Program and upon the recommendation of the Department of Budget and Management pursuant to its mandate under Executive Order No. 5, series of 1986, and Executive Order No. 165, series of 1987, the conversion of the following government-owned or controlled corporations should be effected: (1) the Philippine Shippers' Council; (2) the Boy Scouts of the Philippines; and (3) the Girl Scouts of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Justice, in Opinion No. 210, series of 1988, states that "the President may, in the implementation of the privatization program of the government, amend or repeal the charters of government-owned or controlled corporations pursuant to her delegated legislative authority under Section 22 of Proclamation No. 50, which remains to be operative until it is amended, repealed or revoked by Congress (Sec. 3, Art. XVIII, Constitution);"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Definition of Conversion. - For the purpose of this Executive Order, conversion shall refer to a variant of the divestment process by which, for the purpose of privatization, a government-owned or controlled corporation is abolished but exclusive authority is granted to certain private persons, usually the management thereof, to form a new and private corporation through registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission, with the same corporate name and essentially the same objectives, powers and functions but without government funding except that existing assets of the abolished corporation may be donated to the new corporation.

SEC. 2. Conversion. - The following government-owned or controlled corporations are hereby abolished subject to conversion:

a. Philippine Shippers' Council;
b. Boy Scouts of the Philippines; and
c. Girl Scouts of the Philippines.

SEC. 3. Details of Conversion. - The details of the dispositive actions of conversion as provided in the preceding section are prescribed in Annexes "A" to "C" attached hereto. These annexes shall form integral parts of this Executive Order.

SEC. 4. Notice or Consent Requirement. - If any, reorganizational change authorized in this Executive Order or in any of the Annexes attached hereto is of such substance or materiality as to prejudice third persons with rights recognized by law or contract such that notice to or consent of creditors is required to be made or obtained pursuant to any agreement entered into with any of such creditors, such notice or consent requirement shall be complied with prior to the implementation of such reorganizational change.

SEC. 5. Separability. - If for any reason any section or provision of this Executive Order or of its Annexes is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this Executive Order and its Annexes shall not be affected as long as such remaining sections or provisions can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

SEC. 6. Repeal. - The following laws, presidential decrees and executive issuances:

a. Presidential Decree No. 165 series of 1973, Presidential Decree No. 883, series of 1975, and Presidential Decree No. 917, series of 1976, concerning the Philippine Shippers' Council;
b. Commonwealth Act No. 111 and Presidential Decree No. 460, series of 1974, concerning the Boy Scouts of the Philippines; and
c. Commonwealth Act No. 542, Republic Act No. 4375 and Presidential Decree No. 720, series of 1975, concerning the Girl Scouts of the Philippines.

shall be deemed repealed upon the registration of the new or successor private corporations with the Securities and Exchange Commission in accordance with the Corporation Code of the Philippines.

All other laws, rules, regulations and other issuances or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent herewith are likewise hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. Effectivity. - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately after fifteen (15) days following its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation or in the Official Gazette.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 6th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

References: Annexes "A", "B", and "C"

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 496
INSTITUTING PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION AND THE RECOMMENDATION OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO VACANT POSITIONS IN THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARDS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Section 5, subsection (i), of Presidential Decree No. 223 provides that the Professional Regulation Commission shall "submit and recommend to the President of the Philippines nominees for appointment as members of the various Boards from among those nominated by the bona fide professional organizations accredited by the Commission to fill existing or probable vacancies;"

WHEREAS, only professionals possessing demonstrated outstanding qualifications should be nominated and appointed as members of the various professional regulatory Boards;

WHEREAS, the screening and selection of nominees should be based strictly on merit, integrity and fitness;

WHEREAS, uniform procedures and criteria for the selection and nomination of persons to fill existing vacancies in the various professional regulatory Boards should be instituted;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and direct the following:

ARTICLE I
DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
OF THE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

SECTION 1. Committee on Nominations. - There shall be a permanent standing committee called the Committee on Nominations in every professional organization accredited by the Professional Regulation Commission in accordance with the provisions of its Rules and Regulations Governing the Regulation and Practice of Professionals, as amended. The Committee shall be composed of the five (5) immediate past national presidents of the organization. However, should any of the five past national presidents be not available, the past president immediately following the last five shall serve as Member. The most recent past president shall serve as Chairman of the Committee.

If an organization does not have the necessary number of past presidents as herein required, incumbent members of the Board of Directors selected by the Board members themselves shall serve in the Committee.

In this relation, the Professional Regulation Commission shall submit to the Office of the President at the end of every quarter a complete updated list of all the professional organizations it has accredited in accordance with its rules and regulations.

SEC. 2. Term of Office. - The Chairman of the Committee shall serve until replaced by the next incoming past president. The Members shall serve until replaced on a first-in, first-out basis through the assumption to membership of the most recent past president.

SEC. 3. Duties and Responsibilities. - The Committee on Nominations shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

A. To actively search, screen and select qualified nominees for appointment to vacant positions in its professional regulatory Board;
B. To submit to the National Board of Directors for approval the names of the five (5) qualified nominees, ranked in the order of preference, for every vacancy in its professional regulatory Board; Provided, however, that if there are two or more vacancies, a single list with appropriate rankings shall be submitted to the said Board; and
C. To comply with all the requirements of the Professional Regulation Commission regarding the selection and nomination of persons for appointment to its professional regulatory Board.

SEC. 4. Search and Screening Process. - The Committee shall actively search for persons with demonstrated outstanding qualifications for membership in the Board, keeping in mind that appointment thereto is a privilege and not a right. Nomination shall be based strictly on merit, integrity and fitness.

SEC. 5. Criteria for Selection of Nominees. - In addition to the qualifications required by the respective laws governing each profession, the nominees for appointment to the professional regulatory Board should meet the following criteria:

A. Proven leadership qualities as evidenced by honors, awards and citations given by reputable organizations, and participation and involvement in the activities of the professional organization and social and civic associations;
B. Professional competence and experience as evidenced by relevant past and present positions held, years of professional practice, professional honors and awards, and academic honors and degrees;
C. Impeccable integrity and a strong commitment to promote and maintain the highest professional standards as evidenced by his personal and professional conduct, personal interviews and the testimony of colleagues, clients and socio-civic leaders;
D. Up-to-date knowledge of current theories, principles and practices in the profession as evidenced by teaching and research activities, scholarly articles in publications, participation in continuing professional education and development programs, and advanced academic degrees; and
E. Must have the time, capacity and capability to perform the duties and to fulfill the obligations of a regulatory Board Member, which include, among others, the preparation and rating of examination papers, the hearing of administrative cases, and the inspection of schools, colleges and universities, hospitals, industrial plants and others.

SEC. 6. Disqualification. - The following shall be disqualified from being nominated:

A. Those who have already completed at least two (2) terms in the professional regulatory Board so that other members who may be equally, if not more, qualified shall have the opportunity to serve in their professional regulatory Board;
B. Those who are incumbent national officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Press Relations Officer or their equivalent positions) of the organization; and
C. Those who directly or indirectly solicit and use influence in seeking their nominations, for this evinces unprofessional conduct. The solicitation and use of influence referred to herein shall be considered *prima facie* evidence that the person concerned lacks the necessary qualifications for appointment to the regulatory Board of his profession.

SEC. 7. Accomplishment of Personal and Data Sheet and Submission of Clearances. - Each nominee shall accomplish the Personal Data Sheet or Nomination Form prescribed by the Professional Regulation Commission. The Personal Data Sheet or Nomination Form shall be subscribed under oath and accompanied by current clearances from the National Bureau of Investigation and the Office of the Ombudsman.

SEC. 8. Submission of List of Nominees. - On the basis of the report of the Committee on Nominations, the National President of the duly accredited professional organization shall submit to the Professional Regulation Commission the resolution of the National Board of Directors recommending not more than five (5) nominees, ranked in the order of preference, for appointment to each vacancy in the professional regulatory Board; Provided, however, that if two or more vacancies exist, a single list with appropriate rankings shall be submitted. The list shall be submitted not later than three (3) months before the vacancy occurs. The nominations submitted to the Commission shall be valid for the present vacancy to be filled. Subsequent vacancies that may occur will require another list of nominees, which may or may not include those who have not been previously considered.

SEC. 9. Failure or Refusal of the Accredited Professional Organization to Submit Nominees. - The Commission shall notify the duly accredited professional organization of probable or existing vacancies in its professional regulatory Board. In the event that the organization fails or refuses to submit nominees for a vacant position within the period prescribed herein, the Commission may either recommend (a) the reappointment of the incumbent or permit him to stay in a hold-over capacity if the law creating the professional regulatory Board so authorizes or (b) the appointment of another person who possesses the necessary qualifications based on the criteria herein provided.

The Commission may likewise exercise the same prerogative should there be a clear showing that the Committee on Nominations of the accredited professional organization has disregarded the criteria herein mentioned in the selection of the nominees.

ARTICLE II
DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
OF THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION

SECTION 1. Publication of names of nominees. - The Commission shall, upon receipt of the resolution from the accredited professional organization, immediately publish the same in a newspaper of general circulation for the purpose of inviting anyone who may have derogatory information against any of the nominees which may render him unfit for the position to inform the said Commission within a period of ten (10) days from such publication. A copy of the list of the nominees shall also be posted on the bulletin board of the Commission.

SEC. 2. Resolution for Recommendation of Nominees. - The Commission shall adopt a resolution recommending to the President of the Philippines three (3) nominees, ranked in the order of preference, for appointment to each vacancy in the various professional regulatory Boards, said nominees having been selected from among the five (5) names recommended by the duly accredited professional organization.

SEC. 3. Submission by the Commission of the Resolution to the Office of the President. - The resolution shall be submitted by the Chairman of the Commission to the Office of the President not later than two (2) months before the vacancy occurs, with the request that the appointment be issued not later than thirty (30) days before the scheduled licensure examinations.

SEC. 4. Reappointment of the Chairman or Member of the Professional Regulatory Board. - Any Chairman or Member of the professional regulatory Board whose term would expire but who

has served less than half of his full term of office as prescribed by law may be recommended for appointment if he has shown exemplary record or performance and such reappointment is authorized by the law creating the professional regulatory Board.

SEC. 5. Appointment of the Chairman of the Professional Regulatory Board. - In the event that a vacancy occurs in the position of the Chairman of the professional regulatory Board, the Commission shall, after consultations with the outgoing Chairman, the other members of the Board and the professional organization concerned, select a nominee from among the incumbent members of the professional regulatory Board for recommendation to appointment as Chairman if such appointment is authorized by the law creating the said professional regulatory Board. This shall not preclude the nomination of others who are not incumbent Board members but who possess outstanding qualities based on the criteria herein mentioned to merit appointment. A separate resolution recommending nominees for appointment to the position of Board Chairman shall be adopted by the Commission for submission to the Office of the President.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 9th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1991). *[Executive Order Nos.: 391 - 522]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 497
TRANSFERRING THE NAYONG PILIPINO FOUNDATION FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT STAFF, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM

WHEREAS, by virtue of Executive Order No. 85, series of 1986, the Ministry of Human Settlements (MHS) had been abolished and final disposition and/or organizational alignment of its programs and projects, agencies, corporations and councils had been effected through subsequent enactments;

WHEREAS, the Nayong Pilipino Foundation created pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 37 dated 6 November 1972 is one of the MHS attached agencies that had been transferred to the Presidential Management Staff (PMS), Office of the President, by virtue of Memorandum Order No. 85, series of 1987;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer the Nayong Pilipino Foundation from the Presidential Management Staff to the Department of Tourism; and

WHEREAS, under Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book III of the Administrative Code of 1987, the President of the Philippines has continuing authority to reorganize the administrative structure of the Office of the President by, among others, transferring any agency under the Office of the President to any other department or agency of the Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me under the provisions of Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book III of the 1987 Administrative Code, do hereby transfer the Nayong Pilipino Foundation from the Presidential Management Staff, Office of the President, to the Department of Tourism.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 16th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 498
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR FILIPINO INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS OVERSEAS

WHEREAS, the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) and the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) have, upon instructions of the President of the Philippines, developed an awards system for Filipino individuals and organizations overseas who have contributed materially – or in the form of selfless programs and endeavors – to our country's relief, rehabilitation, and development programs;

WHEREAS, the CFO and the DFA have joined hands in paying tribute to the people and organizations overseas who have responded to the Government's call for unity in the pursuit of developmental undertakings for our country;

WHEREAS, a total of 34 individuals and organizations will be the recipients of National and CFO awards this December as we commemorate "The Month of Overseas Filipinos" pursuant to Proclamation No. 276, S. 1988;

WHEREAS, it is socially desirable and in the national interest to provide a permanent system of recognition for the valuable contributions being made to our developmental concerns by our countrymen and organizations abroad, and to formulate an appropriate incentives and awards program for Filipinos overseas who continue to help our country through the years with their tireless efforts, donations, taxes, and remittances;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas who have made significant contributions to the cause of pursuing developmental concerns in our country is hereby institutionalized and awards thereunder are authorized to be made in December of every year.

SEC. 2. Filipino individuals and organizations overseas, who have consistently displayed outstanding feats and exerted efforts to stimulate greater participation among Filipinos abroad in the development efforts of our country, shall be considered for the Presidential Awards. The Presidential Awards may also be conferred, by authority of the President, by the Executive Secretary or when so duly authorized by the President, by the Chairman of the Commission on Filipinos Overseas.

SEC. 3. The Presidential Awards shall be in the form of medallions and plaques, containing the citation and signature of the President. The Commission on Filipinos Overseas, in coordination with the Department of Foreign Affairs, shall promulgate the rules and regulations governing the awards and shall prescribe, in coordination with the National Historical Institute, the design specifications of the plaque and medallions, and other details pertinent thereto, which rules and regulations shall be subject to approval by the President.

SEC. 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 19th day of December, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 499
CREATING AN EXPORT AND INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
DEFINING ITS COMPOSITION, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

WHEREAS, the current state of the economy compels the immediate implementation of focused and well-coordinated measures which would address the pressing problems in all sectors of the economy for the country to achieve economic growth;

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the development of a buoyant export sector and increased investments in all other areas of the economy should be immediately pursued in order to achieve economic growth;

WHEREAS, the pivotal role of exports and investments in economic growth demands that the policies and programs in these areas be coordinated and monitored at the highest level by both Government and the private sector;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to establish such high-level body which would bring together all the key decision-makers in one group to provide direction, guidance and coherence to the development and promotion of growth and investment;

WHEREAS, the issuance of this Executive Order is an essential and necessary component of the national economic recovery program to meet and overcome export and investment development bottlenecks that arise every now and then;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create an Export and Investment Development Council, as follows:

SECTION 1. Composition. The Export and Investment Development Council shall be composed of the following:

a. Secretary of Trade and Industry - Chairman
b. Secretary of Finance - Vice-Chairman
c. Director-General of NEDA - Member
d. Governor of the Central Bank of the Philippines - - - - - - - - - - - - Member
e. Four (4) Representatives of the Private Sector - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Members

The representatives from the private sector shall be appointed by, and hold office at the pleasure of, the President. The majority of the private sector representatives shall be from nominees of the unified exporters association.

Other Cabinet Secretaries can be called upon to attend Council meetings and assist the Council in case issues and problems that concern their respective Departments.

SEC. 2. Powers and Functions. The Council shall:

a. Provide advice on export and investment development efforts of Government;
b. Periodically review and assess the country's export and investment performance;

c. Identify the main bottlenecks, problem areas and constraints in all areas/sectors/activities influencing the development of export and investments including, but not limited to, such matters as physical infrastructure, policy framework, finance, specialized support services, production, promotion and marketing;
d. Provide advice on specific measures required to remove the bottlenecks/problems constraining the development of export and investment in any of the areas mentioned in (c) above;
e. Create such sub-committees and task forces as may be necessary.

SEC. 3. Secretariat. The Department of Trade and Industry, in coordination with the Office of the President, shall act as the Secretariat.

SEC. 4. Effectivity. This order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 500
GRANTING MEDICAL CARE BENEFITS TO UNEMPLOYED PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY PENSIONERS, WHO ARE NO LONGER COVERED UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM, AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

WHEREAS, it is the avowed policy of the government to provide adequate medical care services to the people;

WHEREAS, under the present policy, all active Social Security System members, retiree-pensioners, death and total disability pensioners, and their dependents enjoy medicare benefits;

WHEREAS, Social Security System's unemployed permanent partial disability pensioners, who are no longer covered under the Medicare Program, and their dependents must likewise be assisted in the medical care expenses similar to the death and total disability pensioners and their dependents;

WHEREAS, actuarial studies show that the Health Insurance Fund administered by the Social Security System can further finance the benefits of their unemployed permanent partial disability pensioners, who are no longer covered under the Medicare Program, and their dependents without impairing the said Fund's viability;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Social Security System's unemployed permanent partial disability pensioners, who are no longer covered under the Medicare Program, and their dependents shall be entitled to Medical Care benefits as provided for by law, without need of any additional contribution.

SEC. 2. This Executive Order shall take effect on the 1st day of January, 1992.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 27th day of December, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 501
INCREASING THE MEDICARE BENEFITS UNDER THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL CARE PLAN

WHEREAS, the need arises to upgrade Medicare benefits in order to make the Program responsive to its members;

WHEREAS, the government desires to increase Medicare benefits to preserve the Program's support level;

WHEREAS, actuarial studies show that the Health Insurance Fund administered by the SSS for medicare beneficiaries in the private sectors and by the GSIS for medicare beneficiaries in the government sector can further finance a 20% across-the-board increase in all items of hospitalization compensable under the Medicare Program;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Medical Care Commission has recommended further enhancements of the benefits under the Medicare Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Medicare benefits for both GSIS and SSS Medicare beneficiaries are increased as follows:

ITEMS FOR HOSPITALIZATION	BENEFIT LIMIT (BY HOSPITAL CATEGORY)		
	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	TERTIARY
A. Hospital Charges			
1. Room and Board not exceeding 45 days per year for each member of program 1 and another 45 days per year to be shared by all his dependents	₱55/Day	₱100/Day	₱120/Day
2. Medical Expense Benefit (per single period of confinement)			
2.1 Ordinary Cases	720	1,090	1,375
Drugs & Medicines	595	790	845
X-Ray/Lab/Other	125	300	530
2.2 Intensive Cases	1,395	2,040	3,480
Drugs & Medicines	1,125	1,350	2,430
X-Ray/Lab/Cases	270	690	1,050
2.3 Catastrophic Cases		4,390	6,680
Drugs & Medicines		3,040	3,475
X-Ray/Lab/Other		,350	3,205

3.Operating Room Fee based on Commissions Relative Unit Value (RUV) Scheme			
& Below	140	245	390
		420	500
3.3 1 and Above		960	1,290

PROFESSIONAL FEES

MEDICAL/DENTAL PRACTITIONER'S FEE, PER DAY OF ₱55 FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONERS AND ₱80 FOR SPECIALISTS, NOT TO EXCEED PER SINGLE PERIOD OF CONFINEMENT, ₱300 FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONER AND P450 FOR SPECIALIST IN ORDINARY CASES; AND ₱450 FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONER AND ₱750 FOR SPECIALIST IN INTENSIVE CARE/CATASTROPHIC CASES.

SURGEON'S FEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELATIVE UNIT VALUE SCHEME PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSION NOT TO EXCEED ₱7,080.

ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S FEE (30% OF ALLOWED SURGEON'S FEE) NOT TO EXCEED ₱2,125.

4. FEES FOR SURGICAL FAMILY PLANNING PROCEDURES AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION.

SEC. 2. All orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect on the 1st day of January 1992.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 27th day of December, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 502
AMENDING LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 911, AS AMENDED, AND LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 1093, AS AMENDED, GOVERNING THE ADMISSION TO AND/OR STAY IN THE COUNTRY OF TEMPORARY VISITORS WHO ARE HOLDERS OF HONGKONG-BRITISH, MACAO-PORTUGUESE, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA OR TAIPEI PASSPORTS OR CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY

WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the Government to attract, promote and welcome foreign investments and advanced technology and, together with the tourism industry, make them active partners and positive instruments towards accelerated national development;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to extend full support to government policies and programs designed to attract and induce foreign tourists and would-be investors and technocrats by removing, among other things, unnecessary barriers to their travel through the integration and simplification of travel regulations and procedures;

WHEREAS, this goal may be achieved by the revision of existing rules, regulations and procedures in the issuance of visas and admission and stay of aliens in order to enable them to obtain visas and/or change admission status/classification with ease and speed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the amendment of paragraph I(e) of LOI No. 911, as amended, and paragraph I(D) of LOI No. 1093, as amended, which prohibit the change of status from what is authorized for their entry without leaving the country for temporary visitors who are holders of Hongkong-British, Macao-Portuguese, People's Republic of China or Taipei Passports or Certificates of Identity, by deleting said paragraphs therefrom so that these foreign nationals may now be allowed to change admission status or classification without the necessity of departing from the country and securing their visas from the proper Philippine Consulate/Office abroad.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 8th day of January, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-two.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 503
PROVIDING FOR THE RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING THE TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL AND ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND RECORDS OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHOSE FUNCTIONS ARE TO BE DEVOLVED TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, hereinafter referred to as the Code, transfers the responsibility for the delivery of basic services and facilities from the national government agencies (NGAs) concerned to the local government units (LGUs);

WHEREAS, the Code stipulate that the transfer of basic services and facilities shall be accompanied by the transfer of the national personnel concerned and assets to ensure continuity in the delivery of such services and facilities;

WHEREAS, responsive rules and regulations are needed to effect the required transfer of national personnel concerned and assets to the LGUs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law and the sovereign will of the Filipino people and upon the recommendation of the Oversight Committee of the Code, do hereby order:

Section 1. **Transfer of Assets and Personnel**. - The personnel and assets including pertinent records and equipment, corresponding to the devolved service delivery functions enumerated under Section 17 of the Code, shall be transferred to the LGUs.

Sec. 2 **Principle and Policies Governing Transfer of Personnel** -

a Coverage, Tenure, Compensation and Career Development.

Technical and administrative personnel of the NGAs affected by the devolution of powers, functions, and responsibilities shall be transferred to the LGUs.

2. The absorption of the NGA personnel by the LGU shall be mandatory; in which case, the LGUs shall create the equivalent positions of the affected personnel except when it is not administratively viable.

   Absorption is not administratively viable when there is duplication of functions unless the LGU opts to absorb the personnel concerned.

4. The national personnel who are not absorbed by the LGUs under no. 3 above, shall be retained by the NGA concerned, subject to civil service law, rules and regulations.
5. There shall be no involuntary separation, termination, or lay-off of permanent personnel of the NGAs affected by devolution.
6. Devolved permanent personnel shall enjoy security of tenure.
7. Any reorganization that will be implemented by the LGUs after the devolution of functions shall be governed by the provisions of Republic Act No. 6656.

8. Incumbents of positions, namely administrator, legal officer, and information officer declared by the Code as coterminous, who hold permanent appointments, shall continue to enjoy their permanent status until they vacate their positions.
9. Casual, emergency, or daily-wage personnel assigned in the field units of the NGAs affected by devolution who are performing duties and responsibilities relative to the delivery of basic service may be absorbed by the LGUs concerned.
10. Contractual personnel of the NGAs concerned directly involved in the implementation of pilot projects in the LGUs need not be devolved.
11. Temporary personnel shall be absorbed by the LGUs, subject to civil service law, rules and regulations.
12. Except as herein otherwise provided, devolved permanent personnel shall be automatically reappointed by the local chief executive concerned immediately upon their transfer which shall not go beyond June 30, 1992.
13. The rank or tenure of devolved permanent personnel shall not be reduced or impaired.
14. There shall be no diminution in pay or benefits of devolved personnel.

(b) Criteria for Deployment. – Subject to the provisions of this Section, devolved personnel shall be deployed to the LGUs in accordance with the following criteria:

1. Personnel performing city or municipality-specific functions shall be absorbed by the city or municipality where they are assigned.
2. Personnel performing inter-municipal functions shall be absorbed by the province wherein the municipalities concerned are located.
3. Regional personnel undertaking LGU-specific functions may be absorbed by the LGU concerned.
4. Regional personnel performing primarily regional functions shall be retained by the NGAs concerned to form part of their field units to be established as a result of the phase-out of their regional offices, on or before October 10, 1992, for purposes of monitoring and coordinating the devolved basic services and providing technical assistance to the LGUs.

(c) Retention of Personnel by the NGA. – Regional directors who are Career Executive Service Officers, and other officers of similar rank, shall be retained by the NGA without diminution of rank, salary, or tenure.

(d) Vacant positions in the NGAs. – Existing vacant positions in the NGAs, whose functions are to be devolved to the LGUs, shall be transferred to the LGUs concerned on January 1, 1992. In the event of duplication of functions, however, the corresponding budget allocated to the salaries of existing vacant positions may be realigned by the LGUs concerned to fund programs, projects and activities in the sector where the fund originated.

(e) Exemptions from Rules on Nepotism, Residency, and Election Ban.

1. The rule on nepotism as provided under the Code shall not apply to devolved personnel. The residency requirement and prior concurrence of the local sanggunian as prescribed under the Code for the appointment of local appointive officials shall not apply to the devolved personnel.
3. Transfer of devolved personnel within the six-month transition period from January 1 to June 30, 1992, shall be exempted from the election ban subject to the approval of the Commission on Elections.

(f) Separation and Retirement Benefits

When the personnel to be devolved opt for voluntary separation or retirement from the service, they shall be entitled, if qualified under existing laws, to receive the retirement gratuities and other benefits accruing thereunder.

When an official or employee is not eligible for retirement, they shall be entitled to separation pay equivalent to one (1) month salary for every year of service, plus a proportionate amount for any fraction thereof over and above the monetary value of their accumulated leave credits pursuant to existing laws.

3. Payment of retirement benefits to the NGA personnel transferred to the LGUs shall be proportionately shared by the NGA and the LGU concerned based on the length of service of the personnel concerned in both agencies. The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) shall issue the necessary guidelines for this purpose.
4. The DBM, in the case of NGA officials and employees, and the LGUs, in the case of local government officials and employees, are hereby directed to provide funding priority to personnel retirement and other benefits arising from the devolution of basic services to the LGUs.

(g) Responsibility for Devolved Functions. - The local chief executive shall be responsible for all devolved functions. He may delegate such powers and functions to his duly authorized representative whose position shall preferably not be lower than the rank of a local government department head. In all cases of delegated authority, the local chief executive shall at all times observe the principle of command responsibility.

Sec. 3. **Principles and Policies Governing the Transfer of Assets, Liabilities, Equipment and Records**. - (a) Assets, liabilities, equipment, and records of the NGAs corresponding to the devolved powers, functions and responsibilities shall be transferred to the LGU concerned.

(b) Lands and buildings to be transferred to the LGUs shall, for purposes of disposition, be considered part of the seat of government of the LGUs as defined under Section 11 of the Code.

(c) The LGUs shall provide appropriate funds in their respective budgets for maintenance and other operating expenditures of the transferred assets.

(d) Assets, liabilities, equipment, and records shall be transferred to the LGUs subject to the following conditions:

1. Those which are exclusively used within the territorial jurisdiction of a municipality or city shall be transferred to the municipality or city concerned.
2. Those which are used by two (2) or more municipalities and/or component cities shall be transferred to the province where these municipalities/component cities are situated.
3. Regional assets, liabilities, equipment, and records used for the delivery of devolved services or functions as specified in the Code for a specific LGU shall be transferred to the LGU concerned.
4. Regional assets, liabilities, equipment, and records required by the field units of the NGAs to be established as replacement of the regional offices that will be phased out shall be retained by the NGA concerned.
5. Assets, liabilities, equipment, and records of the NGAs within the Metropolitan Manila Area, which serve more than one (1) LGU, shall be retained by the NGA concerned.

SECTION 4. Closing, Opening, and Maintenance of Accounts. — (a) The books of accounts of the NGAs, whose functions are to be devolved totally to the LGUs, shall be closed as of the date of transfer and the balances of all transferred assets, liabilities, and residual equity (surplus) shall be recorded in the books of accounts of the recipient LGU.

(b) The books of account of the NGAs whose functions are to be devolved partially to the LGUs shall be adjusted as of the date of transfer up to the extent of the balances of actual assets, liabilities, and residual equity (surplus) transferred. These shall be recorded in the books of accounts of the recipient LGU.

(c) All devolved financial transactions of the NGAs shall be recorded in the books of accounts of the recipient LGU after the transfer.

(d) Devolved NGAs maintaining multiple funds shall prepare a consolidated trial balance.

(e) Subsidiary ledgers shall be prepared and maintained by the LGUs for each fund and each NGA to facilitate monitoring and control.

(f) All NGAs affected by devolution shall continue to prepare the usual year end reports and statements as of December 31, 1991. The reports and statements shall be incorporated in the 1991 Annual Financial Report of the National Government.

(g) Additional guidelines and instructions for the closing, opening and maintenance of accounts shall be promulgated by the Commission on Audit.

Sec. 5. **Reorganization of the NGAs Affected by Devolution** (a) The NGAs affected by devolution shall adopt new organizational structure and operating systems responsive to decentralization imperatives.

(b) The NGAs whose functions are not devolved shall effect the deconcentration of requisite authority and power to their regional or field offices on or before June 30, 1992 as provided under Section 528 of the Code.

Sec. 6. **Period of Devolution**. (a) Except as herein otherwise provided, the devolution of responsibility for basic services and facilities and the transfer of assets, liabilities, personnel, equipment and records to the LGUs shall be completed not later than June 30, 1992.

(b) All NGAs shall submit not later than March 1, 1992 to the different LGUs a list of the basic services in accordance with Section 17 of the Code that can be devolved by June 30, 1992. Those that cannot be devolved by June 30, 1992, shall be devolved not later than December 31, 1992. For this purpose, the NGAs shall enter into Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) with the different LGUs on the schedule and extent of devolution. The NGAs shall furnish the Department of Interior and Local Government and the DBM with copies of their MOAs.

(c) Except as herein otherwise provided, the corresponding salaries of devolved positions shall be transferred to the LGUs on a quarterly basis by the NGAs concerned not later than July 1, 1992.

(d) The corresponding salaries for the positions devolved pursuant to paragraph B of this Section shall be transferred to the LGU concerned on the actual date of transfer, but in no case to go beyond December 31, 1992.

Sec. 7. **Monitoring of Transfer**. - All NGAs affected by devolution of functions shall submit to the Oversight Committee the timetable for the transfer of assets, liabilities, personnel, equipment and records to the LGUs within one (1) month after the promulgation of this Executive Order.

Sec. 8. **Effectivity**. - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of January, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Two.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 504
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 338 DATED 30 SEPTEMBER 1988
CREATING THE ENERGY COORDINATING COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Executive Order No. 338 dated 30 September 1988 designates the Executive Secretary, Office of the President, as the Chairman of the Energy Coordinating Council;

WHEREAS, in view of the multifarious functions and responsibilities of the Executive Secretary and due to the urgent need for the enhanced coordinating efforts of the Energy Coordinating Council in addressing the policies, plans and projects in the energy sector, there exists the need to designate a regular full-time energy coordinator as Chairman thereof; and

WHEREAS, a regular full-time coordinator would be able to oversee the activities of all the agencies and organizations in the energy sector, strengthen the said Council and more effectively achieve the purposes for which the Council has been created.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Executive Order No. 338 dated 30 September 1988 is hereby amended to read as follows:

> "SEC. 2. Composition of the Council. - The Council shall be composed of the Presidential Assistant for Energy Affairs as Chairman and the following as members:
>
> 1 Executive Director, Office of Energy Affairs;
> 2. President, Philippine National Oil Company;
> 3. President, National Power Corporation; and
> 4. Administrator, National Electrification Administration.

SEC. 2. All other provisions of Executive Order No. 338 shall remain in force and in effect.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 31st day of January, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-two.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 505
FURTHER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 308 (S. 1987), AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDERS NOS. 318 (S. 1988), 347 AND 366 (S. 1989) AND 455 (S. 1991), PROVIDING FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS

WHEREAS, there is a need to reorganize the Regional Development Councils now existing in all the administrative regions of the country to make them more responsive to the increased autonomy provided by the 1991 Local Government Code to local government units;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1: Section 2 of Executive Order No. 308 (S. 1987), as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"a. Composition of the Council**,** the Council shall be composed of the following members:

(i) All provincial governors and city mayors; mayors of municipalities designated as provincial capitals; presidents of the provincial league of mayors and mayors of the regional center of each region;
(ii) The regional directors of agencies represented in the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Board and the regional directors of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports and the Department of Social Welfare and Development; Provided, that each department or agency shall be represented by only one regional director thereof; and provided, further, that those agencies whose regional offices are phased-out shall be represented by the head of their regional field offices consistent with the provisions of the implementing rules and regulations of the 1991 Local Government Code;
(iii) All Congressmen from the region and Senators or their authorized representatives who may opt to join a particular RDC; and
(iv) Representatives of the private sector and non-government organizations based in the region who shall comprise one-fourth of the members of the fully constituted Council. The selection and tenure of representatives of the private sector and non-government organizations shall be governed by NEDA Board Resolution No. 6 dated 4 April 1990.

b. Functions of the Council**.** The Council shall have the following functions:

(i) Integrate approved development plans of provinces, highly-urbanized cities, component cities and regional line agencies into the Regional Development Plan for submission to the NEDA, in accordance with existing laws;

(ii) Coordinate the formulation, monitoring and evaluation of regional long-term, medium-term and annual socio-economic development plans and investment programs;
(iii) Undertake the appraisal and prioritization of nationally-funded programs and projects in the region, consistent with the standards and policies developed by NEDA;
(iv) Promote and monitor the inflow and allocation of private investment capital in the regions, consistent with development objectives, strategies, and policies adopted;
(v) Review and approve the annual and multi-year regional infrastructure programs and other sectoral programs which require appropriation of national government funds;
(vi) Review and recommend to the national government the allocation of agency regional budgetary ceilings among the provinces and cities in the region and endorse regional budget proposals of government agencies in accordance with the guidelines as may be issued by the Development Budget Coordinating Committee of the NEDA Board;
(vii) Coordinate the implementation of programs and projects in the region which involve several agencies and local government units in their implementation;
(viii) Monitor local development plans and programs through the Local Development Councils;
(ix) Assist local government units, when so requested, in the preparation of local development plans and programs and in fulfilling requirements for evaluation of local government unit projects to be requested for official development assistance (ODA) grant financing.

c. Executive Committee

The Council shall create an Executive Committee to act for and on its behalf when the RDC is not in session. The Executive Committee shall comprise one-fourth of the total membership of the fully constituted Council, the membership to be determined by the Council, provided that all Sectoral Committee Chairman, created under section 1.d of this Executive Order, shall automatically become members of the Executive committee. The Chairman, Co-Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the RDC shall also serve as the officers of the Executive Committee.

d. Sectoral Committees

To assist, the RDC in the performance of its functions, the Council shall create Sectoral Committees to handle social, economic and infrastructure development and development administration whose composition shall be determined by the Council. The functions of these Sectoral Committees shall include the following:

(i) Integrating sectoral information and statistics in the preparation of the annual regional development report;
(ii) Assisting the Council in the translation of national development goals into specific regional sectoral objectives; and
(iii) Integrating sectoral plans and programs of local government units into regional sectoral plans and programs coordinate all sectoral planning and programming activities of sectoral line agencies in the regions.

e. Sessions

The RDC shall meet as often as necessary but not less than once every quarter. It shall also adopt a rule on constituting quorum."

SEC. 2. The Regional Development Assembly created under Executive Order No. 366 (S. 1989), which replaced the Regional Consultative Assembly created under Executive Orders Nos. 308 (S. 1987) and 318 (S. 1988) is hereby abolished.

SEC. 3. Section 8 of Executive Order No. 308, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Technical Staff of the Council**.** The Regional Office of the NEDA Secretariat shall serve as the principal technical staff of the Council and its Executive Committee. In addition, the Council and the Executive Committee may request the regional offices of the various agencies of the national government to provide such technical support as may be required for the effective discharge of the functions of the Council."

SEC. 4. Repealing Clause**.** All orders, issuances, circulars, rules and regulations, or portions thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 5. Implementing Authority**.** The NEDA Board is hereby authorized to promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Executive Order.

SEC. 6. Effectivity Clause**.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 12th day of February, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-two

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 506
FURTHER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 407, SERIES OF 1990, AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 448, SERIES OF 1991, "ACCELERATING THE ACQUISITION AND DISTRIBUTION OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS, PASTURE LANDS, FISHPONDS, AGROFORESTRY LANDS AND OTHER LANDS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN SUITABLE FOR AGRICULTURE"

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 407, Series of 1990, directed, among others, all government-owned or controlled corporations to transfer ownership of all lands suitable for agriculture to the Department of Agrarian Reform Program;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 448, Series of 1991, amended Executive Order No. 407, Series of 1990, including within its coverage all government reservations or portions thereof, which are suitable for agriculture and no longer needed for the purpose for which they are established, to further accelerate the acquisition and distribution of all lands of the public domain suitable for agriculture;

WHEREAS, there is, at the same time, the need to conserve the biodiversity features and the life support system of the country, which are represented by areas of public domain inside protected areas;

WHEREAS, the preservation of these protected area is a must, considering that these sites contain examples of diverse, unique and important Philippine flora and fauna, which, if properly and effectively managed, will ensure the conservation of biological resources of the country;

WHEREAS, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources has an existing Integrated Protected Areas System Project concerned with determining what existing protected areas and those not yet established are qualified to be retained as a protected reserve under the National Integrated Protected Areas System;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 1.A of Executive Order No. 407, Series of 1990, as amended by Executive Order No. 448, Series of 1991, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1.A. Except national parks and other protected areas, all lands or portions of the public domain reserved by virtue of proclamation or law for specific purposes or uses by departments, bureaus, offices and agencies of the Government, which are suitable for agricultural and no longer actually, directly and exclusively used or necessary for the purpose for which they have been reserved as determined by the Department of Agrarian Reform in coordination with the government agency or instrumentality concerned in whose favor the reservation was established, shall be segregated from the reservations and transferred to the Department of Agrarian Reform for distribution to qualified beneficiaries under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program."

SEC. 2. A new section is hereby added to Executive Order No. 407, as amended, to read as follows:

"SECTION 1.B. All existing and proposed National Parks, Game Refuge and Bird Sanctuaries, Wildlife Reserves, Wilderness Areas and Other Protected Areas, including old growth or virgin forests, and all forests above 1,000 meters elevation or above 50 percent slope, are hereby excluded from the present segregation, acquisition and distribution procedures being conducted by the Department of Agrarian Reform until such time as these areas shall have been identified, studied and determined to be either retained and reclassified under the National Integrated Protected Areas System of DENR or to be segregated for agricultural purposes."

SEC. 3. All proclamations establishing such reservations and falling within the coverage of this Executive Order are hereby revoked, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 18th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-two.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 507

DIRECTING THE TRANSFER OF FISCAL YEAR 1992 APPROPRIATIONS FOR DEVOLVED SERVICES AND FACILITIES OF CONCERNED NATIONAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT, ENJOINING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO REVISE THEIR 1992 ANNUAL BUDGETS ACCORDINGLY AND INSTRUCTING THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO BE OBSERVED FOR THE PURPOSE, ALL PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1992.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1992 mandates the devolution to local government units within six months after its effectivity of responsibility over the provision of certain basic services and facilities presently exercised by national government agencies;

WHEREAS, Section 284 of the said Code provides that the internal revenue allotment for fiscal year 1992 of local government units shall be thirty percent (30%) of the total collection in 1989 of national internal revenue taxes, equivalent to P24.48 Billion, inclusive of the cost of services and facilities devolved by the national government agencies;

WHEREAS, Section 284 of the Code further provides that local government units shall, in addition to their respective shares from the P24.48 billion internal revenue allotment, be entitled to receive the amount equivalent to the personal services cost of devolved national government functions and facilities;

WHEREAS, the General Appropriations Act of fiscal year 1992 expressly provides that the P18.08 billion direct appropriation for the internal revenue allotment of the local government units shall be augmented by P10 billion representing the cost of transferred functions from the national government agencies including the cost of devolved personal services;

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the appropriations for the devolved functions and facilities be transferred from the 1992 budgets of the devolution-affected national government agencies to the internal revenue allotment of local government units to conform with Section 284 of the Code;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the local government units revise their respective 1992 annual budgets to enable them to finance such devolved basic services and facilities as well as to satisfy the other requirements and limitations prescribed by the Code and in order to avoid any temporary delay in the delivery of basic services;

NOW THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the law, upon the recommendation of the Oversight Committee created under Section 533 of the Code, do hereby order and direct:

SECTION 1. Transfer of Appropriation for Devolved Services and Facilities to the Internal Revenue Allotment. Of the amounts appropriated under the 1992 General Appropriations Act for the following functions, projects and activities of indicated devolution-affected departments and agencies of the national government, such sums shall be transferred to the internal revenue allotment

of local government units as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of Section 284 of the Code:

A. DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM
   a. Locally Funded Projects
      1. Land and home development improvement projects

B. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
   a. Regional Operations Function/Activities:

      1. Agricultural and fishery extension services
      2. Regulation of Agricultural and fishery activities
      3. Conduct of agricultural and fishery research activities
   b. Locally-Funded Projects
      1. Procurement and distribution of certified seeds
      2. Purchase, expansion and conservation of breeding stocks
      3. Construction, repair and rehabilitation of water impounding system
      4. Support to fishermen, including purchase of fishing nets and other materials

C. DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT
   a. Regional Operations Function/Activities
      1. Local government budget officers services

D. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
   a. Regional Operations Function/Activities
      1. Forest management services
      2. Mine and geo-sciences services
      3. Environmental management services

   b. Locally-Funded Projects
      1. Reforestation projects
         (i) New plantation establishment including provision for seedling production
         (ii) Maintenance and protection of existing plantations
      2. Integrated social forestry projects
      3. Watershed rehabilitation projects

E. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
   a. Regional Operations Functions/Activities
      1. Extension of medical and health services through provincial health office, district, municipal and medicare community hospitals
      2. Purchase of drugs and medicines
      3. Implementation of primary health care program
      4. Field health services
      5. Aid to puericulture

b. Locally-Funded Projects
   1. Construction, repair, rehabilitation and renovation of provincial, district, municipal and medicare hospitals
   2. Provision for the operation of 5-bed health infirmaries

F. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORK AND HIGHWAYS
   a. Regional Operations Function/Activities
      1. Repair and maintenance of infrastructure facilities and related activities
   b. Locally-Funded Projects
      1. Water supply projects
      2. Communal irrigation projects

G. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT
   a. Regional Operations Function/Activities
      1. Implementation of community-based program for rebel returnees
   b. Locally-Funded Projects
      1. Provision for the operation of a day-care center in every barangay
      2. Pilot community-based program for rebel returnees
      3. Provision for poverty alleviation in low-income municipalities and depressed urban barangays

H. DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM
   a Regional Operations Function/Activities
      1. Domestic tourism promotion
      2. Tourism standard regulation

I. DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY
   a. Regional Operations Functions/Activities
      1. Promotion and development of trade, industry and related institutional services

J. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
   a. Regional Operations Functions/Activities
      1. Telecommunication services
      2. Transportation franchising and regulatory services

K. COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
   a Promotion, development and regulation of cooperatives function
   b. Cooperatives field operation function

L. HOUSING AND LAND USE REGULATORY BOARD
   a. Regulation of human settlements plans and programs function

M HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL
   a Coordination of policy formulation and monitoring of housing activities

N. PHILIPPINE GAMEFOWL COMMISSION
   a. Regulation and supervision of cockfighting function

O. FUNCTIONS, PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES WHICH HAVE BEEN DEVOLVED INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO-
   a. Functions and locally-funded projects of the Commission on Population, Fiber Industry Development Authority, National Agricultural Fishery Council, Livestock Development Council and National Meat Inspection Commission; and,
   b. Location-specific national government offices, programs, projects and activities such as the Sacobia Development Authority and the Kalinga Special Development Authority, Development Coordinating Activities for Leyte and Samar by the Office of the President, the Nueva Ecija Integrated Rural Development Project and the Bula-Minalabac Integrated Development Project of the Department of Agrarian Reform and the Palawan Upland Support Services of the Department of Agriculture.

SECTION 2. Allocation of the Internal Revenue Allotment to Local Government Units. The level of the internal revenue allotment to be released to the local government units in 1992 shall be P28 billion. This amount shall be allocated among the provinces, cities, municipalities and barangays in accordance with the following arrangement and schedule:

A. The P18.08 billion direct appropriation shall be immediately augmented by P1.63 billion representing the transferred appropriations for the devolved capital outlay projects, net of reserves, of the Department of Agrarian Reform (P0.01 billion), the Department of Agriculture (P0.05 billion), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (P0.6 billion), the Department of Health (P0.05 billion), the Department of Public Works and Highways (P1.46 billion). The resulting P19.71 billion internal revenue allotment shall be prorated in accordance with the formula prescribed under Section 284 of the Code and released to the concerned local government units on a quarterly basis.

B. The P8.29 billion balance shall cover the cost of functions, projects and activities, inclusive of the personal services requirement, which shall be devolved by national government agencies within six months after the effectivity of the Code. This amount shall be apportioned among and released to local government units in accordance with the devolution process prescribed under Executive Order No. 305: Provided, however, that this provision shall be effective only for Fiscal Year 1992, thereafter, appropriations for the cost of functions, projects and activities, inclusive of the personal services, of the devolved national government functions shall be provided for in General Appropriations Act, after due consultations with the local government units and the national government agencies concerned.

SECTION 3. Preparation of Revised Local Annual Budgets for Fiscal Year 1992. Local Government Units shall revise their respective 1992 Annual Budgets which have been earlier enacted or deemed reenacted pursuant to the provisions of the repealed Presidential Decree No. 477 to reflect the following changes made by the Code:

A. Any fund or resources available for the use of the local government units shall first be allocated for the following basic devolved services and facilities before applying the same to other items of expenditure:

i. Construction, improvement, repair and maintenance of local roads;
Construction and improvement of concrete barangay roads and multi-purpose pavements;

iii. Payment of Personnel Economic Relief Allowance (PERA) in the amount of P500.00 a month per employee in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed under the General Appropriations Act.
Payment of honoraria of barangay chairmen not exceeding P1,000 a month and of barangay councilors, treasurers and secretaries each not exceeding P600 per month including the P1,000 Christmas bonus for each barangay chairman, councilor, treasurer and secretary pursuant to R.A. 7160;

v Land and home development improvement projects devolved by the Department of Agrarian Reform;

vi. Procurement and distribution of certified seeds, purchase, expansion and conservation of breeding stocks, construction, repair and rehabilitation of water impounding systems and procurement of fishing nets and other materials supportive of fishermen devolved by the Department of Agriculture;

vii. Establishment of new forest plantations and maintenance and protection of existing forest plantations devolved by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources;

ix. Construction, rehabilitation and repair of devolved provincial health office/district/municipal/medicare community hospitals and other facilities of the Department of Health, including purchase of medical equipment; and,

x. Implementation of water supply and communal irrigation projects devolved by the Department of Public Works and Highways;

B. All other requirements and limitations provided for under Title Five of Book II of the Code shall be strictly observed.

SECTION 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Secretary of Budget and Management shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Order.

SECTION 5. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done, in the City of Manila, this 24th day of February, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety two.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 508
INSTITUTING THE LINGKOD BAYAN AWARD AS THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE

I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Lingkod Bayan Award is hereby instituted as the Presidential Award for Outstanding Public Service to be awarded to individuals or groups of individuals in the government service who have rendered outstanding public service.

SEC. 2. The Lingkod Bayan Award shall be conferred by the President or the Executive Secretary, "By Authority of the President," upon recommendation of the Committee on Awards created pursuant to Section 6 of Republic Act No. 6713, otherwise known as the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees.

SEC. 3. The Committee on Award shall conduct a periodic, continuing review of the performance of public officials and employees in all branches and agencies of the Government and establish a system of annual incentives and rewards to the end that due recognition is given to public officials and employees of outstanding merit on the basis of standards set forth in the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees.

SEC. 4. The Lingkod Bayan Award shall be in the form of gold medallion and plaque containing the citation and signature of the President or the Executive Secretary, "By authority of the President."

SEC. 5. In addition to the medallion and plaque, the incentives and awards to government officials and employees of the year to be announced in public ceremonies honoring them may, as recommended by the Committee on Award, take the form of bonuses, citations, directorships in government-owned or controlled corporations, local or foreign scholarship, grants, paid vacations, and the like, and/or automatic promotion to the next higher position suitable to their qualifications and with commensurate salary; provided, that, if there is no next higher position or it is not vacant, said position shall be included in the next budget of the office, except when the creation of a new position would result in distortion in the organizational structure of the department, office or agency. Where there is no next higher position immediately available, a salary increase equivalent to the next higher position shall be given and incorporated in the basic pay. When a new position is created, that which is vacated shall be deemed abolished.

SEC. 6. The Committee on Awards shall adopt its own rules to govern its activities.

SEC. 7. Executive Order No. 334, dated August 18, 1988, is hereby revoked.

SEC. 8. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 2nd day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-two.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 509
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 495, SERIES OF 1991, BY EXCLUDING FROM THE COVERAGE THEREOF THE BOY SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 495, series of 1991, entitled "Converting the Philippine Shippers' Council, the Boy Scouts of the Philippines and the Girl Scouts of the Philippines into Private Corporations and For Other Purposes" was issued pursuant to Section 22 of Proclamation No. 50, series of 1986, which latter issuance "remains to be operative until it is amended, repealed or revoked by Congress" (Opinion No. 210, series of 1988, of the Secretary of Justice);

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7181 extends the life of the Committee on Privatization and the Asset Privatization Trust and imposes additional conditions in the disposition of government assets provided under Proclamation No. 50;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Justice, in Opinion No. 16 dated 19 February 1992, states that Republic Act No. 7181 "has not revoked or modified the authority of the President under Proc. No. 50 to amend the charters of government corporations so as to terminate their corporate existence;" and

WHEREAS, supervening development require the amendment of Executive Order No. 495;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Executive Order No. 495, series of 1991, is hereby amended to read, as follows:

> "SECTION 1 *Definition of Terms*. - For purposes of this Executive Order:
>
> a. Conversion shall refer to a variant of the divestment process by which, for the purpose of privatization, a government-owned or -controlled corporation is dissolved but exclusive authority is granted to the management thereof to form a new and private corporation through registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission, with the same corporate name and essentially the same objectives, powers and functions but without government funding, except that existing assets of the dissolved corporation may be donated to the new corporation; and
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> b. Regularization shall refer to the process by which a government-owned or controlled corporation is transformed (1) into a regular government agency with essentially the same objectives, powers and functions, except those which are corporate in nature, and is attached to a department in the Executive Branch; or (2) into a unit which is integral to an existing agency or

executive department and with essentially the same objectives, powers and functions, except those which are corporate in nature."

SEC. 2. *Boy Scouts of the Philippines*. - The dissolution and conversion of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines as provided under Annex "B" of Executive Order No. 495 are hereby revoked.

Commonwealth Act No. 111 and Presidential Decree No. 460 are hereby restored prior to their repeal under Executive Order No. 495.

SEC. 3. *Repeal*. - All laws, rules, regulations and other issuances or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent herewith are likewise repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity*. - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately after fifteen (15) days following its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation or in the Official Gazette.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 4th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-two.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 510
CREATING THE AFTA MULTISECTORAL STUDY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Philippines has entered into an agreement ASEAN Economic cooperation and an Agreement on the Common Effective Preferential Tariff Scheme, effectively establishing the ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) with Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand;

WHEREAS, the said agreement for regional cooperation include trade liberalization, foreign exchange movements and capital flows, tourism, transport and communication, human resource development with the objective of expanding intraregional investments trade and production, and services and have wide reaching effects in all sectors of the economy including business and industry, agriculture, labor and peasantry, finance and service sectors;

WHEREAS, the ASEAN Economic Cooperation and the ASEAN Free Trade Area is a necessary and pragmatic act of regional collaboration to ensure the growth of our industrial, agricultural, finance and service sectors in the ASEAN market, and to sharpen and test our competitive skills and advantages through regional competition;

WHEREAS, the public and private sectors need to collaborate in the formulation, promotion and implementation of a national development agenda inclusive of a comprehensive regional economic strategy to establish and improve our competitive advantages in the regional market and to ensure a development that is human, authentic and sustainable;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. There is hereby constituted the AFTA Multisectoral Study Commission, hereinafter referred to as the commission, composed of the following members and organizations from the public and private sectors:

A. Business leaders:

1. Eugenio Lopez, Jr.
2. Laila Larkin
3. Sylvia Santos
4. Antonio Cojuanco
5. Victor Chongbian
6. John Gokongwei
7. Oscar Hilado
8. Narda Capuyon
9. Dante Santos
10. Luis Lorenzo, Sr.
11. Roberto Villanueva, Sr.
12. Federico Borromeo
13. Alfonso Yuchengco

14. Jaime Zobel de Ayala
15. Vicente Paterno
16. Raul Concepcion
17. Corazon de la Paz

B. Business, Labor and Farmers Organizations:

1.	Jose Pardo	PCCI
2.	Dr. Bernardo Villegas	CRC
3.	Atty. Ricardo Romulo	MBC
4.	Dean Felipe Alfonso	AIM
5.	Mr. Rizalino Navarro	SGV
6.	Yao Eng Hue	Fed. of Fil-Chinese
7.	Johnny Tan	FFW
8.	Democrito Mendoza	TUCP
9.	Ben Cruz	Sanduguan
10.	Sergio Ortiz	PHILEXPORT
11.	Alejandro Herrin	PES
12.	Octavio Espiritu	BAP

C. Government Officials:

1.	Sec. Jesus Estanislao	DF
2.	Gov. Jose Cuisia, Jr.	CB
3.	Sec. Cenen Bacani	DA
4.	Sec. Fulgencio Factoran, Jr.	DENR
5.	Sec. Lilia Bautista	DTI
6.	Chair. Roberto de Ocampo	DBP
7.	Sec. Ceferino Follosco	DOST
8.	Pres. Jose Abueva	UP
9.	Sec. Gen. Cayetano Paderanga	NEDA
10.	Sec. Nieves Confesor	DOLE
11.	Sec. Raul Manglapus	DFA
12.	Sec. Franklin M. Drilon	OP

Hon. Eugenio Lopez, Jr., and Hon. Jesus P. Estanislao shall act as Chairman and Co-Chairman, respectively, of the Commission. The Commission is hereby authorized to expand its membership when so required.

SEC. 2. The Commission shall:

a. Identify the issues and implication of AFTA and ASEAN Economic Cooperation on the Philippine economy and its industrial, agricultural, financial and service sectors, including labor and the peasantry;

b. Propose a work program towards the formulation of a national development agenda incorporating public policy reform, including legislation where needed, and private sector initiatives and technological innovations to increase our competitive advantages in the regional market.

c. Develop a common framework that embodies anti-poverty goals to guide industry competitive analyses and recommend corresponding strategies to establish and improve such competitiveness;

d. Build consensus among business and industry, agricultural and service sectors, with government agencies, science and technology centers, research, technical and management education institutions, labor and peasant organizations and NGO's in a national development agenda, shared growth and prosperity;

e. Recommend guidelines, directions and policies for the government in its continuing discussions and negotiations with the ASEAN governments in all areas of economic cooperation;

f. Ensure that its studies and recommendations incorporate the principles of a just, equitable and sustainable development, through investments in the human capital of the poor that is consistent with long-term growth and shared prosperity; and define the roles of each sector in the attainment of these goals that would balance market competition with human development; and

g. Create such sub-committees and task forces as may be necessary to accomplish these functions.

SEC. 3. The Commission shall establish a Secretariat with the assistance of the Government agencies concerned.

SEC. 4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 16th day of March, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-two.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 511
CREATING AN INTERIM INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE TO PROVIDE FOR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AGRO-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AREAS

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to integrate and replicate countryside development efforts in key Agro-Industrial Development Areas (AIDA) in order to implement the Countryside Agro-Industrial Development Strategy (CAIDS) as adopted by the government through Cabinet Resolution No. 39, series of 1989;

WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the State to recognize the indispensable role of the private sector in national growth and development;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. There shall be an interim Inter-Agency AIDA Task Force, hereinafter referred to as the Task Force, which is hereby authorized to provide for private sector participation in the establishment of Agro-Industrial Development Areas.

For this purpose, the Task Force shall be composed of:

Chairman	Chairman of the Coordinating Council on the Philippine Assistance Program
Co-Chairman	Secretary of Agriculture
Members	Secretary of Agrarian Reform
	Secretary of Socio-Economic Planning
	Secretary of Trade and Industry
	Chairman of Development Bank of the Philippines
	President of the Land Bank of the Philippines

SEC. 2. The Task Force shall:

a) Identify and allot foreign and local sources of funding for the establishment of family farm schools, rural development centers or other capability building centers, which will continuously provide the necessary values formation, managerial and technical training, cooperative development, savings promotion and other capability building programs;

b) Contract with non-government organizations (NGOs) and other private entities that will establish and operate the family farm schools and rural development centers. Funds for the operating expenses of these institutions are to be generated by these NGOs from their agro-industrial enterprises and other income generating projects in the AIDA; and

c) Monitor, coordinate and facilitate the development efforts of all AIDA participants to ensure full and proper implementation of the objectives of the AIDA program.

SEC. 3. The Task Force may provide direct and indirect grants to NGOs for the establishment and operation of family farm schools and rural development centers from whichever funds that it can

generate from local and foreign sources. It may also enter into such agreements or contracts, which it may deem appropriate to effect the herein given mandate as may be warranted by circumstances relating to the source and use of funds, land ownership, corporate character of the contracting parties and other relevant matters.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to sign and execute, for and in behalf of the Task Force, agreements or contracts extending grants or other forms of assistance entered into by the Task Force.

SEC. 5. A Task Force Secretariat to be jointly formed by the CCPAP and Department of Agriculture shall assist the Task Force in the performance of its duties and functions.

SEC. 6. The Task Force shall facilitate and coordinate with the private sector for the establishment of agro-industrial facilities.

SEC. 7. The Task Force shall be authorized to call upon any department, bureau, office, agency or any instrumentality of government for material and manpower assistance as may be necessary in implementing the AIDA program.

SEC. 8. All rights, duties, obligations, powers and functions of the Task Force shall be transferred to the Department of Agriculture, effective June 30, 1992, or soon thereafter at the discretion of the President.

SEC. 9. If any provision of this Order is declared unconstitutional or illegal, the other provisions hereof shall remain effective.

SEC. 10. All administrative issuances, orders, circulars, and memoranda inconsistent with this Order are hereby modified, amended or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 11. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 16th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-two.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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MALACAÑANG
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 512
PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE MINDANAO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Government recognizes the urgent need to accelerate the growth and development of Mindanao through a wholistic and integrated manner;

WHEREAS, the need exists to promote and strengthen interregional linkages to ensure the increased viability of the programs and projects in the four (4) administrative regions in Mindanao and the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao;

WHEREAS, with the enactment of the Local Government Code of 1991, more powers, functions and resources from the National Government have been devolved to the local government units as the frontline agencies to realize the development of specific geographical areas; and

WHEREAS, Section 14, Article X of the 1987 Constitution states that: "The President shall provide for the regional development councils or other similar bodies composed of local government officials, regional heads of departments and other government officers, and representatives from non-governmental organizations within the regions for purposes of administrative decentralization to strengthen the autonomy of the units therein and to accelerate the economic and social growth and development of the units in the region;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Creation of the Mindanao Economic Development Council.*—There is hereby created a Mindanao Economic Development Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council, which shall promote and coordinate the active and extensive participation of all sectors to effect the socio-economic development of Mindanao. The Council shall primarily be an umbrella organization of the Regional Development Councils (RDCs) in the four administrative regions in Mindanao, namely: Western Mindanao (Region IX), Northern Mindanao (Region X), Southern Mindanao (Region XI) and Central Mindanao (Region XII); and the Regional Planning and Development Board (RPDB) of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

SEC. 2. *Composition of the Council.*—The Council shall be composed of the following:

a. The Chairmen and Co-Chairmen of the aforementioned Regional Development Councils and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the ARMM Regional Planning and Development Board;
b. Two private sector representatives from each region of Mindanao to be chosen by and from among the private sector representatives of the concerned Regional Development Councils and the Regional Planning and Development Board;
c. Two members of Congress from each region of Mindanao who shall be elected by and from among the members of Congress within the region;
d. The President of the Mindanao Confederation of Governors and Mayors; and
e. The Administrator of the Southern Philippines Development Authority.

Sec. 3. *Functions of the Council.*—The Council shall have the following functions:

a. Formulate development plans for the agricultural and industrial development of Mindanao as a single integrated economy;
b. Coordinate the integration of the Regional Development Plans of the regions involved into a Mindanao Development Plan;
c. Cause the preparation of feasibility studies and explore sources for financing of priority programs and projects, whether governmental or private, that will support and encourage Mindanao-wide economic and social development, such as a Mindanao Power Corporation, regional commercial banks, Mindanao railroad system, petroleum refinery, skills and values promotion, and accelerated reforestation;
d. Integrate, prioritize and program interregional programs and projects and submit the same for approval by the Board of the National Economic and Development Authority, whenever the Council deems that such programs and projects would affect substantially the integrated development of Mindanao. The NEDA Board shall expeditiously act on such programs and projects submitted by the Council within a reasonable period;
e. Advocate to the constituents of Mindanao, their elected representatives in Congress, and the National Government, national policies that will foster the integrated and balanced development of Mindanao, in such policy areas as banking; investment and lending by the Government Service Insurance System and Social Security System and other government financing institutions; transport and telecommunications; infrastructure; export of agricultural products; reforestation; education and skills training;
f. Act as the implementing agency for the accomplishment of interregional projects, subject to such limitations prescribed by existing laws, rules and regulations;
g. Promote investments in any field which would enhance the socio-economic development of Mindanao and uplift the living standards of the people and their socio-political activities;
h. Provide the machinery for extending the necessary planning, management and technical assistance to prospective and existing investors in Mindanao;
i. Receive and administer donations, contributions, grants, bequests or gifts in cash or in kind from foreign governments, international agencies, private entities, and other sources for purposes that would contribute to the development of Mindanao, subject to existing laws, rules and regulations; and
j. Monitor, evaluate and formulate recommendations on the implementation of development plans and programs in Mindanao.

The Council shall submit to the President, through the NEDA Board, quarterly reports on its accomplishments and activities.

Sec. 4. *Officers of the Council.*—The Council shall have a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman who shall be appointed by the President from among the RDC Chairmen-members and RPDB Chairman-member of the said Council.

Sec. 5. *Executive Committee*.—The Council shall constitute an Executive Committee to act for and on its behalf when the Council is not in session. The Executive Committee – the membership of which will be determined by the Council – shall comprise one-fourth of the total membership of the fully constituted Council. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council shall also serve as the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee. Other officers shall be determined by and elected from among the members.

Sec. 6. *Technical Staff of the Council.*—A Secretariat shall be constituted from the technical and administrative staffs of the National Economic and Development Authority, other government offices and government corporations. Additional personnel shall be hired upon authorization of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM). The Secretariat shall be headed by the NEDA Regional Director where the Council Chairman is based. The said NEDA Regional Director shall also serve as the Council Secretary.

Sec. 7. *Funding*.—The Department of Budget and Management is hereby instructed to provide budgetary assistance for the Council's administrative and operational requirements. Thereafter, the appropriations for the continued operations of the Council shall be included in the annual general appropriations bill submitted to Congress.

Sec. 8. *Implementing Authority.*—The Council is hereby authorized to promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Executive Order and to inform the NEDA Board accordingly.

Sec. 9. *Effectivity*.—This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 19th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-two.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) FRANKLIN M. DRILON
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 513
CONVERTING THE MARCOS GOLF FOUNDATION OF THE PHILIPPINES INTO A PRIVATE FOUNDATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 1783, dated January 15, 1981, created the Marcos Golf Foundation of the Philippines as a non-municipal public corporation for the purpose, among others, "to promote golf in the country as a basis of developing sports program;"

WHEREAS, since 1986, the government has undertaken a program for the reorganization of the government corporate sector, one feature of which, among others, is to convert a number of government-owned or controlled corporations into private entities;

WHEREAS, for the purpose of reorganizing the government corporate sector, the Department of Budget and Management pursuant to its mandate under Executive Orders Nos. 5 and 165, dated March 12, 1986 and May 5, 1987, respectively, has recommended that the Marcos Golf Foundation of the Philippines be converted into a private foundation;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Justice in Opinion No. 210, series of 1988, opined that Section 22 of Proclamation No. 50, dated December 8, 1986, as amended, empowers the President of the Philippines to amend or repeal the laws creating government-owned or controlled corporations for divestment, dissolution, consolidation, merger or regularization;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Abolition. The Marcos Golf Foundation of the Philippines is hereby abolished.

SEC. 2. Incorporation. The Board of Trustees of the present Marcos Golf Foundation of the Philippines, by exclusive authority herein granted, shall, within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Executive Order, perform all acts necessary for the formation and registration of a private, non-stock, and non-profit foundation with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which shall have such appropriate and lawful objectives, powers and functions as the Board of Trustees of the present Marcos Golf Foundation of the Philippines may determine. No other public or private groups or individuals shall be authorized to form, organize or operate directly or indirectly a foundation, corporation, partnership, or association with the same name or substantially the same name, objectives powers and functions as the present Marcos Golf Foundation of the Philippines, or such succeeding foundation.

SEC. 3. Personnel. Upon the effectivity of this Executive Order, the officers and employees of the Marcos Golf Foundation of the Philippines shall continue to perform their corresponding duties and responsibilities in a holdover capacity and receive their corresponding salaries and other benefits, unless in the meantime they have been duly separated, laid off or retired from the service. Upon the registration of said foundation, they shall be deemed to be separated from the service and shall be entitled to such termination benefits they may be entitled to under pertinent laws, rules and regulations; Provided, however, that they shall be preferred for employment in the same or comparable positions in said private foundation.

SEC. 4. Disposition of Assets. The assets of the Marcos Golf Foundation of the Philippines, net of liabilities, shall, upon the registration of such foundation, be transferred to it without consideration and shall thereby constitute its capital fund. Should liabilities exceed assets, the same shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Code of the Philippines on the concurrence and preference of credits.

SEC. 5. Notice or Consent Requirement. If any reorganization change authorized in this Executive Order is of such substance or materiality as to prejudice third persons with rights recognized by law or contract, such that notice to, or consent of, creditors is required to be made or obtained pursuant to any agreement entered into with any of such creditors, such notice or consent requirement shall be complied with prior to the implementation of such reorganization change.

SEC. 6. Separability. Any portion or provision of this Executive Order that may be declared unconstitutional or invalid shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or provisions hereof as long as such remaining portions or provisions can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

SEC. 7. Repeal. Presidential Decree No. 1783, dated January 15, 1981, is hereby repealed. All other laws, rules and regulations and other issuances or part thereof, which are contrary or inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect upon approval.

APPROVED in the City of Manila, this 25th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-two.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 514
FURTHER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 495, SERIES OF 1991, AS AMENDED, BY PROVIDING FOR THE REGULARIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINE SHIPPERS' COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 495, series of 1991, as amended, directed the dissolution of the Philippine Shippers' Council and its incorporation as a private, non-stock and non-profit corporation with the Securities Exchange Commission; and

WHEREAS, subsequent developments require the retention and justify the conversion of the Philippine Shippers' Council into a regular government agency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy*. - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to facilitate and assist the development and growth of Philippine trade and the national economy by enhancing the legitimate interests of Philippine shippers.

SEC. 2. *Regularization*. - The Philippine Shippers' Council is hereby converted into a regular agency under the Department of Trade and Industry to be known as the Philippine Shippers' Bureau, hereinafter referred to as the Bureau.

SEC. 3. *Powers and Functions*. - The Bureau shall have the following powers and functions:

a. Promote and protect the common interests of Philippine exporters, importers and other commercial users of water transport; and maintain and foster close cooperation and mutual assistance among them;

b. Conduct continuing consultations and negotiations with shipping companies, associations of shipping interest, government authorities and other institutions and persons, whether foreign or domestic, for the shipment of goods on time at reasonable rates and acceptable shipping terms and conditions;

c. Mediate and/or arbitrate disputes between members of associations of shipping interests and between the said members and non-members;

d. Serve as the clearing house of information on shipping service and other related matters;

e. Recommend appropriate measures to promote and develop Philippine trade and commerce through the economical and efficient carriage of merchandise;

f. Maintain and develop harmonious relationships and enter into mutually-beneficial arrangements with domestic and international shippers' associations or councils;

g. Participate in conferences and present the government position concerning shipping policies and the promotion of export and import trade; and negotiate for reasonable freight rates at international shipping conferences and non-conference lines and trampers;

h. Register and accredit non-vessel operating common carriers, freight forwarders, cargo consolidators and break-bulk agents in accordance with existing agreements and charge reasonable fees therefor;

i. Implement the provisions of Presidential Decrees Nos. 917 and 1466 and their implementing rules and regulations governing freight booking and cargo consolidation; and seaborne transport, respectively; and

j Perform such other functions as may hereinafter be provided by law.

SEC. 4. *Bureau Officials*. - The Bureau shall be headed by a Director who shall be assisted by an Assistant Director. The Director and the Assistant Director shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines and both must have the necessary background in international and domestic trade, overseas and inter-island shipping, economics and maritime matters and must have had at least three (3) years of work experience in research, planning and management in a responsible capacity.

The Director shall have the following powers and functions:

a. Exercise supervision and control over all divisions and other units under the Bureau;

b. Establish policies and standards for the operations of the Bureau pursuant to the plans and programs of the Department of Trade and Industry;

c. Promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out the Bureau's objectives, policies and functions;

d. Submit within thirty (30) days after the close of every calendar year an annual report to the Secretary of Trade and Industry and such other reports the latter may require;

e. Submit an annual budget and such supplemental budgets as may be necessary to the Secretary of Trade and Industry for his consideration and approval;

f. Enter into any obligation, contract or transaction essential to the Bureau's administrative and operational requirements in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations;

g. Receive, in behalf of the Bureau, grants and donations that may be given by foreign or local sources;

h. Appoint personnel in the Bureau in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations;

i. Exercise disciplinary action over all personnel in the Bureau in accordance with the Civil Service law, rules and regulations; and

j. Perform such other functions as may be directed by the Secretary of Trade and Industry.

The Assistant Director shall have the following powers and functions:

a. Assist the Director in the exercise of his powers and the performance of his functions;

b. Act as Director during the Director's absence, sickness or other temporary disability to act as such; and

c. Perform such other functions as may be directed by the Director or the Secretary of Trade and Industry.

SEC. 5. *New Structure and Pattern*. - Upon the effectivity of this Executive Order, the Executive Director of the Philippine Shippers' Council shall be the Acting Director of the Bureau pending the appointment of the Director and the Assistant Director by the President of the Philippines. The officers and employees of the Philippine Shippers' Council shall, in a holdover capacity, continue to perform

their respective duties and responsibilities and receive their corresponding salaries and benefits unless in the meantime they are separated from the service pursuant to existing laws, rules and regulations.

The Secretary of Trade and Industry, upon the recommendation of the Director, shall submit the necessary organizational structure for the Bureau to the Secretary of Budget and Management within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Executive Order. The authorized positions created thereunder shall be filled with regular appointments in accordance with existing laws. Those incumbents whose positions are not included therein or who are not reappointed shall be deemed separated from the service. Those separated from the service shall receive the benefits to which they may be entitled under existing laws, rules and regulations. Otherwise, they shall be paid the equivalent of one (1) month basic salary for every year of service in the government, or a fraction thereof computed on the basis of the highest salary received, but in no case shall such payment exceed the equivalent of twelve (12) months' salary.

SEC. 6. *Transfer of Records and Others*. - The records, equipment, facilities, choses in action, rights, other assets and personnel of the Philippine Shippers' Council are hereby transferred to the Bureau. The appropriations and funds of the Philippine Shippers' Council, if any, shall revert to the General Fund after reserving the amount necessary to pay the benefits of those separated from the service under Section 5 hereof: Provided, That if the appropriations and funds of the Philippine Shippers' Council are not sufficient to pay such benefits, the deficiency shall be satisfied from the savings of the Department of Trade and Industry.

SEC. 7. *Funding*. - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Executive Order shall be charged against the appropriation of the Philippine Shippers' Council under the General Appropriations Act of 1992 and any deficiency shall be taken from the contingent funds under the same Act. Thereafter, the appropriations for the Bureau shall be included in the annual general appropriations bill submitted to Congress.

SEC. 8. *Implementing Authority*. - The Secretary of Trade and Industry shall promulgate such rules, regulations and other issuances as may be necessary to ensure the efficient and effective implementation of this Executive Order.

SEC. 9. *Applicability of References to the Philippine Shippers' Council*. - All references to the Philippine Shippers' Council under existing laws, rules and regulations, as may still be valid and applicable and insofar as consistent with the provisions of this Executive Order, shall henceforth be deemed as reference to the Bureau.

SEC. 10. *Notice or Consent Requirements*. - If any reorganizational change authorized in this Executive Order is of such substance or materiality as to prejudice third persons with rights recognized by law or contract such that notice to or consent of creditors is required to be made or obtained pursuant to any agreement entered into with any such creditors, such notice or consent requirements shall be complied with prior to the implementation of such reorganizational change.

SEC. 11. *Separability*. - Any portion or provision of this Executive Order that may subsequently be declared unconstitutional or invalid shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or provisions hereof as long as such remaining portions or provisions can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

SEC. 12. *Repeal*. - Presidential Decrees Nos. 165 and 833 and all other laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 13. *Effectivity*. - This Executive Order shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in a newspaper of general circulation or in the Official Gazette.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 26th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-two.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 515

TRANSFERRING THE *BAGONG PAGKAIN NG BAYAN* PROGRAM TO THE TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE CENTER (TRC) AND RATIONALIZING ITS MANDATE AND ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order No. 85, series of 1986, the former Ministry of Human Settlements (MHS) had been abolished and the final disposition and the organizational alignment of its programs and projects, agencies, corporations and councils had been made subject of subsequent issuances;

WHEREAS, the *Bagong Pagkain ng Bayan* Program established pursuant to the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 262, as amended - a program under the former Ministry of Human Settlements - had been placed under the Office of the President through Executive Order No. 10, series of 1986;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer the *Bagong Pagkain ng Bayan* Program from the Office of the President to the Technology Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, the President of the Philippines has continuing authority to reorganize the administrative structure of the Office of the President by, among others, transferring any function under the Office of the President to any other department or agency of the Government pursuant to Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book III of the 1987 Administrative Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The *Bagong Pagkain ng Bayan* Program under the Office of the President, its assets and liabilities as well as personnel are hereby transferred to the Technology Resource Center (TRC) as a program unit. The transfer shall include the projects, functions, organization, appropriations, funds, records, equipment, facilities, choses in action and rights thereof.

SEC. 2. The Board of Trustees of the Technology Resource Center shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation and management of the *Bagong Pagkain ng Bayan* Program.

SEC. 3. The *Bagong Pagkain ng Bayan* Program shall serve as the institutional vehicle through which local government units shall have access to the facilities, resources, technical assistance, and investment support services - such as research and development - direct loans or guarantees on loans for agricultural and support projects for the efficient and effective implementation of their development plans, programs and priorities.

SEC. 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 14th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety two.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 516
EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR FILING OF 1991 INCOME TAX RETURNS FROM APRIL 15, 1992 TO APRIL 24, 1992

WHEREAS, income tax returns for 1991 should be filed and the corresponding income tax should be paid not later than April 15, 1992;

WHEREAS, under the New Payment Control System (NPCS) adopted by the BIR to simplify compliance with the requirements for the internal revenue tax payments, filing of returns and payment of taxes should be made directly with accredited banks;

WHEREAS, under the NPCS adopted by the BIR, the payment through the Revenue Official Receipt (ROR) has been phased out in areas where there are accredited banks;

WHEREAS, the daily recurrence of power failures has disrupted the acceptance of tax returns and payment of income taxes by the banks which use electronically operated validating machines;

WHEREAS, during the brownouts which have been frequently recurring daily towards the deadline for paying income tax, banks cannot accept tax payments under the new system and therefore it is necessary to issue revenue official receipts printing of which cannot immediately be done because the National Printing Office is presently engaged in printing ballots and other COMELEC materials for the coming elections;

WHEREAS, the daily brownouts have frequently disabled the computerized accounting operations of many business and professional tax returns prepares;

WHEREAS, due to the recent strike by air controllers, the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) was prevented from replenishing promptly the required quantity of revised income tax forms to the revenue regions and district offices located in the Visayas and Mindanao;

WHEREFORE, premises considered the filing of 1991 Income Tax Returns and payment of income taxes is hereby extended until April 24, 1992, without penalties.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 15th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety two.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 517
LIFTING THE ADDITIONAL DUTY OF FIVE (5%) PERCENT *AD VALOREM* IMPOSED THROUGH EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 443, AS AMENDED, ON ALL IMPORTED ARTICLES SUBJECT TO CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS AND CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the provisions of Section 401 of the Tariff and Customs Code, as amended, an additional duty of five (5%) percent *ad valorem* was imposed through Executive Order No. 443 dated 3 January 1991, as amended by Executive Order No. 475 dated 15 August 1991, on all imported articles subject to certain exceptions and conditions;

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 443, as amended, the imposition of the additional duty shall remain until 30 June 1992 or unless the said Executive Order imposing such additional duty is sooner revoked or modified;

WHEREAS, greater economic benefits are expected by stimulating the economy through the lifting of the disincentives for capital investment or importation of production inputs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Lifting of the Additional Duty*. - The additional duty in the nature of *ad valorem* imposed on all imported articles prescribed by the provisions of Executive Order No. 443, as amended, is hereby lifted; *Provided*, however, that the selected articles covered by HS Heading Nos. 27.09 and 27.10 of Section 104 of the Tariff and Customs Code, as amended, subject of Annex "A" hereof shall continue to be subject to the additional duty of nine (9%) percent *ad valorem*.

SEC. 2. *Repealing Clause*. - All executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. *Effectivity*. - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 30th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-two.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

Reference: Annex "A"

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 518
AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 486 DATED 8 NOVEMBER 1991 ESTABLISHING A PERFORMANCE-BASED INCENTIVE SYSTEM FOR GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Recognizing the need to amend certain provisions of Executive Order No. 486 dated 8 November 1991, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 4 of Executive Order No. 486 is hereby amended to read, as follows:

> "(a) *Presidential Citations*. - These shall be awarded to GOCCs for their outstanding performance *vis-a-vis* the pre-agreed criteria."

SEC. 2. Subsection (b), Section 4 is hereby deleted and the first two (2) paragraphs of subsection (c), renumbered as subsection (b), are hereby amended to read, as follows:

> "b. *Corporate Incentive Awards*. - Depending on the degree of performance, GOCCs shall be authorized to allocate an amount equivalent to a percentage of the total annual budget for Personnel Expenses as Cash Incentive Fund. The percentages authorized for each GOCC shall be as follows:

GOCC Performance Grade	Maximum Cash Incentive Fund
A (Outstanding)	20 percent
B (Very Satisfactory)	15 percent
C (Satisfactory)	10 percent
D (Fair)	None
E (Poor)	None

> The above incentive fund shall be the source for rewards, either in kind or in cash bonuses, to be granted by GOCCs only to deserving officers and employees based on an evaluation of their individual performance and relative contribution to the attainment of the corporation's goals and targets. The maximum allowable amount of incentive bonus for a GOCC officer or employee shall vary according to the performance grade of the GOCC and of his department or division or unit, and to his individual performance but shall in no case exceed three (3) months' basic salary or its equivalent."

3. Section 5 is hereby amended to read, as follows:

"SEC. 5. *Discontinuance of Other Performance-Based Monetary Incentives*. - All other performance-related monetary incentives inconsistent with or not herein provided but presently practiced by GOCCs shall be discontinued unless specifically authorized by law: *Provided,* That a GOCC that avails itself of incentives provided under other specific laws shall be prohibited from availing itself of the incentives authorized herein."

4. Section 6 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 6. *Restriction and Sanctions*. - Incentive awards shall be given to full-time permanent, temporary and casual employees, including contractual employees with employment in the nature of a regular employee, who have rendered at least one (1) year of service as of the end of the year covered by the PES evaluation.

"The GCMCC shall assign or appoint a Comptroller to a GOCC that registered a performance grade lower than Satisfactory in an evaluation year.

"Any GOCC that fails to achieve at least a Satisfactory performance rating in two (2) consecutive evaluation periods shall be subjected to whatever measures and sanctions by the GCMCC, such as, but not limited to, the immediate, replacement of the member(s) of the GOCC's Board of Directors and/or any or all of its key officers, in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order No. 236, series of 1987, and other pertinent laws.

"Any officer or employee who violates any provision of this Order shall likewise be penalized pursuant to existing administrative and other lawful means."

5. Section 8 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 8. *Applicability*. - The Incentive System as established under this Executive Order shall be implemented starting with the evaluation of the performance of GOCCs for Calendar Year 1992."

SEC. 6. Section 9 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 9. *Amendatory Effects*. - All orders, circulars, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly: *Provided*, That any provision not otherwise repealed or modified herein shall remain effective and enforceable as part of this Order."

SEC. 7. Section 10 is hereby amended to read, as follows:

"SEC. 10. *Transitory Provision*. - GCMCC-monitored GOCCs in 1991 shall be entitled to the productivity incentive benefits provided under Administrative Order No. 268 dated 21 February 1992 for Calendar Year 1991."

SEC. 8. Section 11, is hereby added to Executive Order No. 486 to read, as follows:

"SEC. 11. *Effectivity*. - This Executive Order shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from publication in a newspaper of general circulation."

DONE in the City of Manila, this 29th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-two.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 519
DESIGNATING THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AS REGULAR MEMBER OF THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the role of the Department of Tourism in regional development and physical planning must be harnessed in the pursuance of the policy declared in Executive Order No. 505, series of 1992 "Further Amending Executive Order No. 308 (s. 1987), as amended by Executive Order Nos. 318 (s. 1988), 347 and 366 (s. 1989) and 455 (s. 1991), Providing for the Reorganization of the Regional Development Councils";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 1, paragraph a(ii) of Executive Order No. 505 (s. 1992) is hereby amended to read as follows:

> "(ii) The regional directors of agencies represented in the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Board and the regional directors of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports; Department of Social Welfare and Development and Department of Tourism; Provided, that each department or agency shall be represented by only one regional director thereof; and provided further, that those agencies whose regional offices are phased-out shall be represented by the head of their regional field offices consistent with the provisions of the implementing rules and regulations of the 1991 Local Government Code;"

SEC. 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 29th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-two.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 520

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 499 DATED DECEMBER 23, 1991 CREATING AN EXPORT AND INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL DEFINING ITS COMPOSITION, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, TO INCLUDE IN THE COUNCIL THE SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS .

WHEREAS, the Department of Foreign Affairs, whose primary tasks are, among others, the promotion of Philippine export to markets abroad and the encouragement of foreign investments into the Philippines is fully prepared to be involved in, and be utilized by, the Export and Investment Development Council (EIDC) in discharging the latter's functions to provide advice on export and investment development efforts of the government; review and assess the country's export and investment performance; identify main bottlenecks and problems in all areas affecting the development of exports and investments; and provide advice or specific measures to remove bottlenecks and problems.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby amend Section 1 of Executive Order No. 499 dated December 23, 1991, to read as follows:

> "Section. 1. Composition. The Export and Investment Development Council shall be composed of the following:
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> a. Secretary of Trade and Industry ..... Chairman
> b. Secretary of Finance ..... Vice-Chairman
> c. Secretary of Foreign Affairs ..... Member
> d. Director-General of NEDA ..... Member
> e. Governor of the Central Bank of the Philippines ..... Member
> f. Four (4) Representatives of the Private Sector ..... Members"

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 29th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-two.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 521
CREATING THE NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING (AMM) AND POST MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE (PMC), TO BE HELD IN MANILA ON 21-26 JULY 1992

WHEREAS, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), of which the Philippines is an active member since its establishment in 1967, holds its ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM) and Post Ministerial Conference (PMC) annually in each of the ASEAN member countries on a rotational basis following the alphabetical order;

WHEREAS, these yearly events are deemed vital as the AMM is a meeting among the ASEAN Foreign Ministers to formulate policy guidelines, review all ASEAN documents, provide policies and programs for implementation of the various ASEAN Committees and bodies while the PMC is an invaluable opportunity for ASEAN Foreign Ministers to meet with their counterparts from Australia, Canada, European Community, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea and United States to discuss a broad range of international and regional political, trade, investment, development assistance, economic and security issues;

WHEREAS, the 24th AMM and PMC were held in Kuala Lumpur in July 1991 and following the alphabetical order, it is the turn of the Philippines to host the 25th AMM and PMC this year;

WHEREAS, the Philippines, in fulfillment of its commitment as a member of ASEAN, will be hosting the 25th AMM and PMC in Manila on 21-26 July 1992;

WHEREAS, the forthcoming meetings will be the first major international event to be hosted by the newly elected government of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, part of the preparations to ensure the success of the 25th AMM and PMC is the creation of a National Organizing Committee which shall be responsible for all the physical and substantive arrangements for the 25th AMM and PMC;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create the National Organizing Committee for the 25th AMM and PMC, hereinafter known as the Committee.

The Committee shall be composed of members of the Philippine Council on ASEAN Cooperation (PCAC) and representatives from the Presidential Management Staff, Congress of the Philippines, Office of the Press Secretary, Department of Budget and Management, Department of National Defense, Department of the Interior and Local Government and Department of Public Works and Highways.

The Chairman of the Committee shall be drawn from the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Vice-Chairmen from the Department of Trade and Industry and the National Economic and Development Authority. The members of the Committee shall be from the –

1. Presidential Management Staff
2. Office of the Press Secretary
3. Congress of the Philippines

4. Department of Budget and Management
5. Department of National Defense
6. Department of Transportation and Communications
7. Department of Finance
8. Department of Agriculture
9. Department of Tourism
10. Department of Environment and Natural Resources
11. Department of the Interior and Local Government
12. Department of Public Works and Highways
13. Office of Energy Affairs
14. Central Bank of the Philippines
15. Tariff Commission

The Chairman and Vice-Chairmen and members of the Committee may designate their representatives.

The Chairman of the Committee is hereby empowered to call upon any agency of the Philippine Government to assist in the discharge of the duties and responsibilities of the Committee, and designate such personnel, including consultants, as may be required.

The Committee shall establish a Secretariat to service the National Organizing Committee. The Secretariat shall be sited in the Department of Foreign Affairs.

The Chairman of the Committee shall establish a system of honoraria and allowances for the National Organizing Committee in accordance with accounting and auditing regulations.

The Department of Budget and Management is hereby directed to immediately release the amount of THIRTY MILLION PESOS (P30,000,000) to cover operating expenses of the meetings chargeable to the Contingent Fund, Office of the President and subject to the usual accounting and auditing regulations.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 9th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-two.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 522

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 60, SERIES OF 1967, PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THE IMPORTATION, SALE AND POSSESSION OF CHEMICALS USED AS INGREDIENTS IN THE MANUFACTURE OF EXPLOSIVES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, there exists the need to amend Executive Order No. 60 dated 9 February 1967 to harmonize its provisions with those of the Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations dated 14 January 1992;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Any person or entity desiring to import, possess or sell any of the chemicals specified herein shall file an application with the Director General of the Philippine National Police (PNP), stating therein the purpose for which the license and/or permit is sought and such information as may be specifically required by the said Director General before acting upon the application. Upon approval of the application by the PNP Director General, the Chief of the PNP Firearms and Explosives Unit shall issue the license or permit applied for.

SEC. 2. The chemicals referred to in Section 1 hereof shall exclusively refer to chlorates, nitrates and nitric acid.

SEC. 3. Only persons or entities issued the appropriate permit to purchase certain quantities of the aforementioned chemicals by the PNP Firearms and Explosives Unit shall be allowed to purchase the same from licensed importers or dealers.

SEC. 4. All holders of permits and licenses issued under the provisions of Executive Order No. 60 and this Executive Order shall keep and maintain a permanent record wherein all acquisitions, purchases and dispositions of all such chemicals shall be entered chronologically, together with the names and addresses of all persons or entities to whom they are sold or issued. In the case of end-users, they shall also maintain a permanent record wherein all usages and dispositions of all the said chemicals shall be entered chronologically. All entries in the said records shall be supported by their corresponding permits issued by the Chief of the PNP Firearms and Explosives Unit. These records shall be open for inspection at any time by the proper authorities.

SEC. 5. Any violation of the provisions of this Order and the rules and regulations already issued in implementation of Executive Order No. 60 shall be sufficient cause for the cancellation of the license and the confiscation of all such chemicals in the possession of the licensee and the imposition of a fine of not less than ₱600 nor more than ₱2,000.00 and imprisonment for not less than three (3) months nor more than two (2) years, in the discretion of the court, in accordance with the provisions of Act No. 2255, as amended by Act No. 3023.

SEC. 6. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 26th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-two.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:
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President Corazon C. Aquino meets with the provincial governors on August 22, 1988.
At left, in barong, is DILG Secretary Luis Santos.

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